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fleur de lis

Legend

The English translation of "fleur-de-lis" (pronounced 'fluhr-duh-lee') is "flower of the lily." This symbol, depicting a stylized lily or lotus flower, has many meanings. Traditionally, it has been used to represent French royalty, and in that sense it is said to signify perfection, light, and life. Legend has it that an angel presented Clovis, the Merovingian king of the Franks, with a golden lily as a symbol of his purification upon his conversion to Christianity. Others claim that Clovis adopted the symbol when waterlilies showed him how to safely cross a river and thus succeed in battle.

Heraldry

In the twelfth century, either King Louis VI or King Louis VII (sources disagree) became the first French monarch to use the fleur-de-lis on his shield. English kings later used the symbol on their coats of arms to emphasize their claims to the throne of France. In the 14th century, the fleur-de-lis was often incorporated into the family insignia that was sewn on the knight's surcoat, which was worn over their coat of mail, thus the term, "coat of arms." The original purpose of identification in battle developed into a system of social status designations after 1483 when King Edmund IV established the Heralds' College to supervise the granting of armor insignia.







Summer School

not all fun and games

Beaches, sunshine, and friendly parties are just a few things that are part of a normal summertime experience. When thinking of summer, one can only imagine the relaxation and free time a student gets during this hot, humid season. However, here at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, swimming and partying are not the only summertime hobbies that cross a student's mind. Some students prefer to buckle down once more and enroll in summer school.

Summer school at UL is popular among students who are in a hurry to graduate or get difficult courses out of the way. "I actually prefer



summer school more than regular semesters," said student Sheila Trosclair. "I liked that there were less people in class and on campus. The student-teacher interaction was better and more personable." Lots of students feel that summer school is easier than most regular semester classes and that they learn better during this semester because of the smaller classroom numbers.

Students still have lots of time to enjoy their summer as well. The classes are daily periods, much shorter than regular bi- or tri-weekly classes, leaving students with most of the day to indulge or study as they choose. Even though the classes are fast-paced, many students believe that the classes are still easy to keep up with. By scheduling their classes in the late afternoon, students still can sleep later, if other work does not interfere.

"Summer school is the best time for school," said Angela Dangond, a business management major. "It goes by so quickly." Many students enjoy summer school and have a feeling of accomplishment by the end of that semester. Many students prove each summer semester at ULL that school and play can balance out quite well. If they act responsibly, summer students finish their semester with larger brains and no regrets.

Left: Some days it's just too hot to do your work outside.



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On-Line quicker BOOK and sometimes easier Ordering

Communication has become quicker and sometimes easier with the advancements of technology, as has shopping. In the 2007-2008 school year, students turned to alternative book sources.

Many students turned to the internet in search of products, especially books. Sites such as Amazon.com and BookFinder.com offered internet users to order books online, including textbooks. There were even non-profit organizations who hosted these stores, such as the locally owned BooksXYZ.com. Even Books-A-Million and Barnes & Noble offer their inventory online.

Ambry Cruice, a junior education major, loved buying her books online. "Buying online is way cheaper than in the store. It's also so much more convenient. You don't have to waste your gas driving; you can use it to buy more books instead!"

There were also additional benefits than just saving effort. Most of the sites offered their registered users a place to list their favorite books. And many sites have a rating feature, so that us-

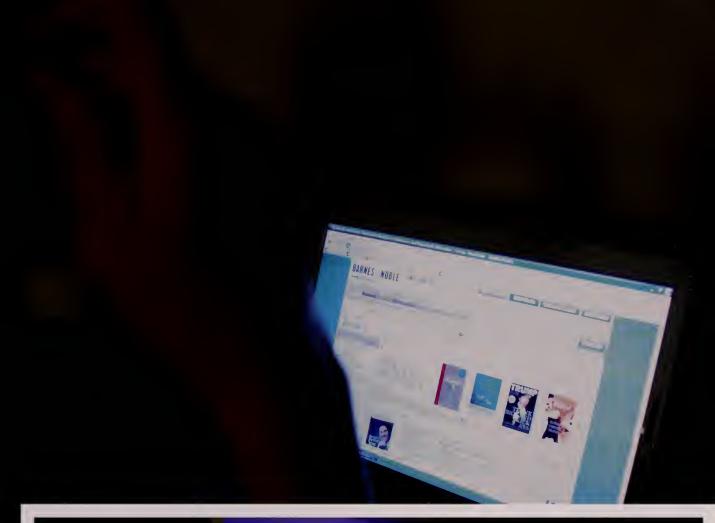


ers can look at other users with similar reading tastes and get additional recommendations.

"If I shop online, I can see my book as well as books that others who liked my purchase preferred as well," said LeAeron Daniel, junior English major.

However, there are those who still prefer to go to a local bookstore. Darcy Vallery, senior English major, said, "Especially for introductory level classes,

by the time that you find out specifically which books you need and you receive them, it's several weeks into the semester. And there are teachers who want you to have your books as soon as class starts. John Halbert, a senior General Studies major, agreed. "I've only bought books online for classes once, and it took a month for me to get the book. So I haven't done it since."





Students shop on various on-line book sites.

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OLD TYME GROCERY

twenty-fifth anniversary

Old Tyme Grocery has become one of many UL traditions over the years. The sign outside of Old Tyme Grocery that reads "since 1982" meant a little more in 2007 when the business celebrated its 25th anniversary.

Located at the heart of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus, Old Tyme Grocery has been feeding UL students for years. Their specialty: delicious po-boys—and UL students love them.

The business was started by Glenn Murphree, a Chalmette native who wanted to open a business in Lafayette where the po-boys were just as good as they are in New Orleans, where he developed his love for po-boys. When Murphree was 18, he moved from his hometown to attend UL Lafayette, which was then the University of Southwestern Louisiana.

Murphree decided to open Old Tyme Grocery about three years later.

Scott Morvant, the current store man-

ager at Old Tyme, says that the "family atmosphere" is what makes it such a great business.

Morvant acknowledges Old Tyme Grocery's special connection to UL Lafayette. Besides making hungry students happy at lunchtime, Old Tyme supports UL Lafayette in various ways.

"One thing we do is provide food for the football team on Fridays, and at home games we sometimes set up snoball trailers at Cajun Field," Morvant says.

Most of Old Tyme Grocery's employees are students and they love the food just as much as their customers. Andres Gomez, an economics and finance double major, has worked at Old Tyme for over a year.

"My favorite item on the menu here is the Old Tyme special," he says. "It's roast beef with everything on it."

Megan Lalanne a freshman at UL Lafayette has worked at Old Tyme for



two years. She says "turkey, swiss, no mayo and no tomatoes" is her favorite thing to order at her job.

However, a town and UL Lafayette favorite at Old Tyme is the tasty shrimp po-boy.

"Out of everything on the menu, shrimp po-boys are sold the most," Morvant says.

To commemorate their 25 year anniversary, Old Tyme Grocery organized a weeklong customer appreciation celebration which included discounted po-boys, catered food and free refreshments.

Morvant says that customer appreciation is important since customer loyalty is what has helped them stay in business for 25 years. However, UL students appreciate their business as well. Good people, delicious food and great business are why Old Tyme Grocery will remain a UL tradition for years to come.





Above: Students enjoy Old Tyme grocery.



Left: Some of the delicious food offered at Old Tyme is displayed with their signature packaging.

Ruth

Junior English major Ruth Diaz was a familiar face around the University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus this year. Many knew the petite redhead as a friend or saw her weekly in Honors Seminar. Most, however, knew her as the face of many UL Lafayette humanitarian movements, including showings of the movie Invisible Children.

Invisible Children, a film based off of the experiences of three college students in Uganda, chronicled the experiences of children in Uganda that are kidnapped in the night and forced to become soldiers. Diaz said that she "discovered Invisible Children in February of 2007, when the World Tour brought the documentary to the Bayou Bijou [film program]." She was touched by the movie and inspired to volunteer for the corresponding organization, Invisible Children Inc. "I decided very quickly to devote a

"I decided very quickly to devote a lot of my time to Invisible Children," said Diaz. "I've always loved children, being the oldest of four in a home schooling community... and I've always had a passion for helping people."

"I believe that the highest form of spirituality is service to others, so I finally decided to put my money where my mouth is," she continued. "My money, and my talent, energy, and every spare second

of time!" Diaz was UL Lafayette's commanding presence when it came to the Invisible Children movement. She helped to organize showings of the movie, posting fliers and spreading the news through word of mouth.

Invisible Children was not the only humanitarian effort in which Diaz was involved. She also supported other Ugandan aid based programs such as Resolve Uganda and Gulu Walk, as well as more broadly focused organizations like the ENOUGH campaign against genocide. Additionally, she began research into the underage sex trafficking trade in South Asia this year, and planned to write her Honors undergraduate thesis on the

business and what can be done to stop it.

"The lessons I've learned from and the gifts I've been given by Invisible Children will factor very much into my plans for the future," she said. "After graduation, I plan to apply for the Peace Corps, pursue my Master's degree in International Human Rights, and work for an NGO or a non-profit [organization]... maybe even, if I'm lucky, Invisible Children itself!"





Being a student is difficult, often like having a full-time job. Motherhood, also, is a full-time job. but Jamie Armitage of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has proven over the past three years that it can be done, and it can be done well.

Armitage managed to divide her time between her studies and her three children: Gabriel, 12, Isabella, 8, and Coltrane – "like the jazz musician" – 5. Armitage is greatly involved in her childrens clubs and activities, which includes a variety of sports, music, and drama.

Isabella, who "wants to recycle and save the world," was even hoping to begin a non-profit recycling club called the Ramora's Club. "That's been the biggest project lately," Armitage explained. "It's all about the kids whenever I'm not at school."

She did not limit herself only to taking care of her own children; Armitage helped care for many others on campus as well. As such, she earned the nickname "Mama Jamie" from several classmates. "That pretty much happened right whenever I entered school – I think three years ago – and everybody found out I had a kid. Apparently, they didn't think that I did. It was kind of a big shock, so everyone started calling me Mama Jamie."



Jamie Armitage

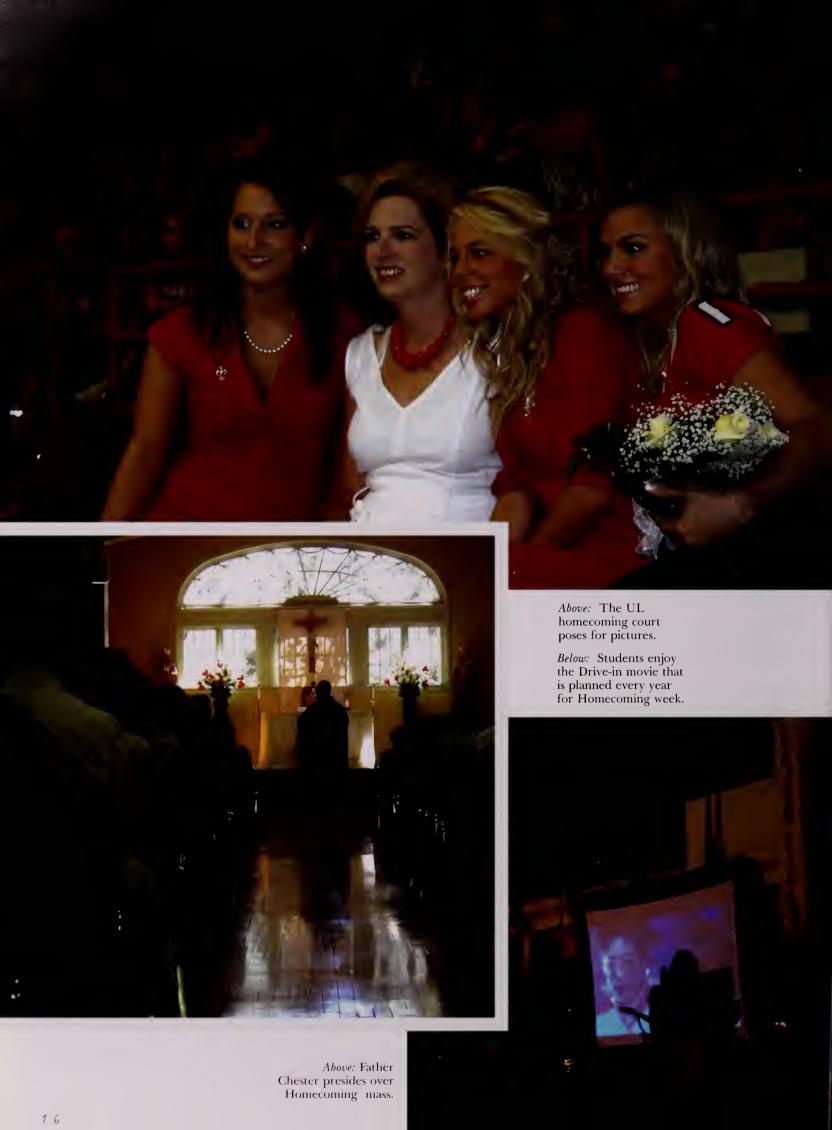


Prior to that, a familial nickname for Armitage was Jupiter. She gained it because she was an adopted child. "When I was little... all my boy cousins would tease me, telling me that I was adopted. But my girl cousins would take me to the side, tell me that I was adopted, but that I was the queen of Jupiter. And I was riding on a star one day and when I tumbled off I landed on earth; and when they saw me, I was so beautiful that they decided to keep me."

In between time spent at school and helping people, Armitage also found time to enjoy one of her favourite pastimes: reading. "I read a lot of philosophy, a lot of ethics." She also enjoyed graphic novels, citing Roman Dirges Lenore, and Jhonen Vasquez Johnny the Homicidal Maniac, The Rabbis Cat by Joann Sfar, and assorted works by Neil Gaiman as particular favorites.

Armitage was more likely to enjoy life than to take it too seriously. Her favorite quote, in fact, is from Charles Bukowski, one of her favourite authors: "We are here to laugh at the odds and live our lives so well that Death will tremble to take us."





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Homecoming 2007 was a rockin' week of events, living up to this year's theme: "Rockin' with the Ragin' Cajuns." A packed week of student events led up to a fun-filled weekend of tailgating and most importantly, the big game Saturday afternoon.

On campus, Homecoming Week was all about the students. On Monday, a kick off party was held at the UL Lafayette alumni center, followed by Cajun Karaoke at the student Union Ballroom where students had a blast showcasing their karaoke skills.

Although there were numerous events for students and faculty to attend this year, there were several homecoming spirit contests and giveaways taking place all week. On Sunday, a spirit display was set up in front of UL Lafayette's Edith Garland Dupre Library, featuring creative student artwork that

celebrated the sprit of Homecoming 2007.

A cake giveaway and sprit banner signing on the union porch during lunch time on Monday helped get students in the homecoming spirit for the remainder of the week. Meanwhile, a residence hall banner contest and a faculty door decorating contest left colorful remnants of creativity inside and outside campus buildings.

A car rally late Wednesday afternoon preceded an evening drive in movie, one of the week's most anticipated events. This year, students enjoyed "School of Rock" while lounging in their vehicles at Cajun Field.

Mid-week festivities were all about school spirit. "Wear Red, Get Fed" had the campus decked out in red on Wednesday since a simple act of school spirit equaled free pizza served in the quad. UL Lafayette's annual "Yell Like Hell" was held Wednesday evening

rockin' with cajuns



Above: A sorority perfroms for Yell Like Hell.

Blackham Coliseum which kept Wednesday's school spirit going.

On Thursday, the
National Pan-Hellenic
Council's Greek Expo in the
Union Ballroom gave sororities
and fraternities a chance to
showcase their skills on stage.
This year, Delta Sigma Theta
and Alpha Phi Alpha took
home winning trophies at the
annual step show.

Every Friday is sprit day at UL, so most students were decked out in red. A homecoming concert featuring the UL Lafayette Wind ensemble took place Friday evening.

The annual Homecoming parade kicked off festivities surrounding Saturday's game. The parade route covered ground from Cajun Field to the alumni center and featured the gorgeous ladies of this year's homecoming court.

This year's homecoming queen was Susan Ednie. The remainder of the court consisted of LaToya Celestin, Summer Marler, Britany Cormier, and Chloe Angelle.

After enjoying the parade, most Ragin' Cajun fans tailgated at Cajun Field until the start of the big game. Unfortunately, the Ragin Cajuns were defeated in a thrilling overtime bout against Florida Atlantic. Despite the heartbreaking loss, UL students had a great week of events and their undying school spirit made Homecoming 2007 another unforgettable week.







Left: The Dance Team and Cheerleaders perform after the parade wraps up.

Below: The Ragin' Cajuns battle the Owls.

Botton Left: Students show their cajun spririt by jitterbugging in the street.





CAYENNE

What was the mascot for University of Louisiana at Lafayette between 2001 to 2008? The answer: there was none. This is because who the students though to be the mascot is actually the "spirit leader."

Many students have seen Cayenne, a giant chili pepper, at different sport games and events. But few of them were aware that he was technically not the mascot. Matt Sabile, industrial technology senior and the man behind the mask, did not mind. "It doesn't affect me either way. I just go out there to get people excited and have fun."

But why a chili pepper, anyway? Why not a bulldog, as it had been for 60 years?

In 1962, Coach Russ Faulkinberry noticed that most of his football team was from the Acadian area, so he and Bob Henderson, the Sports Information Director, renamed the team the Ragin' Cajuns.

The university tried a few different mascots in search for one that would reflect the idea of what a Cajun is, including the Cajun Man and the Cajun Chicken. But it wasn't until 2001 that the university decided to use the chili pepper that was in the logo.

"I think it's a good representation of our culture," Sabile pointed out. Cajun country was hot both in food and spices, but also weather and entertainment. With the numerous festivals the Acadian area hosted, it was only fitting to have a fun, interesting, and food-related spirit leader.

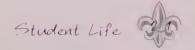
Sabile explained,
"Cayenne, to me, is just
somebody who goes around
and has a blast, no matter
what they do. He gets people
excited, and that's what
everything is about down here."

a little flare in your pepper









Above: Cavenne shows

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school spirit

Love is an overwhelming attachment, a connection that grows in time. Having a passion for something is love. Love permeates every aspect of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, everyday. It lies within every professor, every student, and every building.

There's pride and love within a Ragin' Cajun fan; the emotion grows when a winning touchdown is made at the end of a football game on a beautiful Saturday afternoon, or watching the amazing UL Lafayette lacrosse team. That love does not die the following Saturday when a dive for the winning touchdown is just two yards short.

UL Lafayette students swarm Cajun Field in a sea of red at Ragin' Roar to support their teams. However, that support is not just for the team, but for the individuals who represent our school colors with honor each year, win or lose. Love is connection. Fridays on campus connect students through spirit. Students are encouraged to wear red in support for community spirit; as a result, Friday campuses sometimes seem to be a sea of red. UL Lafayette wears red to show support for all elements of the school, sports, extracurricular activities, and classes.

Red is excitement. After years of dedication, a UL student can graduate from the school they love: a school that has prepared them well for their next stage in life. That student walks away with more than a simple education. They walk away with connections that will last a lifetime.

Red is strength, leadership, passion, power—true Ragin' Cajuns wear red. That color defines what all UL students stand for. It becomes more than just a color. It represents the pride that UL Lafayette students have in their work, their play, and their community: the pride that they have in each other.

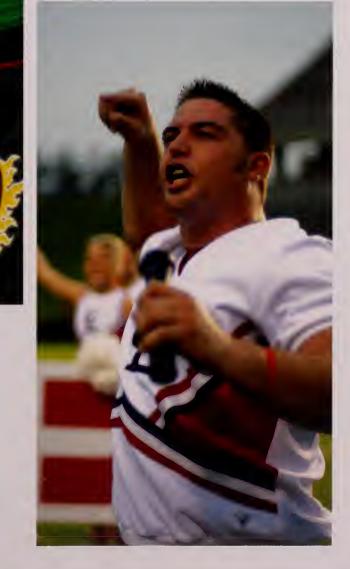




Above: The cheeleaders and dance team roar up the crowd during a pep-rally

Left: The Kappa Delta ladies show their all, during a football game.

Bottom: Ragin' Cajun cheerleader cheers on the crowd to keep yelling.



Left: All the spirited fans get wild and crazy!



POP

The pop culture phenomena of 2007 reflected a confused, stumbling, mash-up of hope and frustration, tripping and tumbling its way into 2008. A strange mixture of ignorance, anger, awareness, and cautious, emotional hope affected what was produced and reached the public knowledge.

One subject that was brought to the prime public focus was environmentalism. With Al Gore's documentary, "An Inconvenient Truth", winning the American Academy Award in 2007, public focus was brought to the ideas of global warming, pollution, and environmentalism. In addition, the rise of oil prices brought attention to hybrid vehicles, such as the Toyota Prius. Such vehicles were considered to both cut down on greenhouse gas emissions and on the amount of gas needed by increasing the available mileage per gallon.

Another object of popular focus was the Invisible Children movement. Based off of a 2003 documentary of the same name, the movement focuses on bringing awareness to the recruitment of child soldiers in Northern Uganda. The concentration was on providing aid both to the country itself to attempt to halt the recruitment of children and to the former child-soldiers, to provide them necessities like clothing and education. The movement received media attention, largely due to support from highly publicized and popular bands such as Reliant K, Switchfoot, Paramore, Fall Out Boy, and My Chemical Romance.

Television had a difficult time of it in 2007 and 2008. The Writers Guild of America began a strike on November 5, 2007. This meant that the pernicious hold of reality television was strengthened throughout the Christmas holidays. There were, of course, the "classic" reality shows like Big Brother and Survivor. However, the morbidly fascinating "celebreality" shows of VH1, shows that generally involved half-famous celebrities attempting to stretch out their fifteen minutes of fame, were given a firm foothold by the lack of entertaining weeknight television.

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Laramie Project

acceptance in tragedy

Right: Speaking of Matthew's last moments with great fervor.

Below: "Tell it right

Opposite above: Offering different perspective on the issue of gay rights in Laramie.

Opposite side: An empassioned performance as "Doc", a Laramie native.

Intolerance is one of the banes of human society. The basic idea that a person is better or worse than another because of innate traits such as gender, skin color, or sexuality is repulsively pervasive throughout human history. Many have been

persecuted because of such bigotry and lived to tell the story. In the town of Laramie, Wyoming, a gay student named Matthew Shepard did not. The University of Louisiana at Lafayette presented an emotionally charged performance of the play The Laramie Project, a play written by Moisés Kaufman about the town of Laramie and the attitudes of the

residents.

The play reflected the attitudes of the people of Laramie toward bigotry, homophobia, and Shepard's murder. The idea seemed to be to "tell it right," as spoken by the characters throughout the play. It's origin is multi-layered; the Tectonic Theatre Project, moved by the outcry surrounding the murder and intrigued by the small town, decided to go to Laramie to interview residents. They returned several times and interviewed over



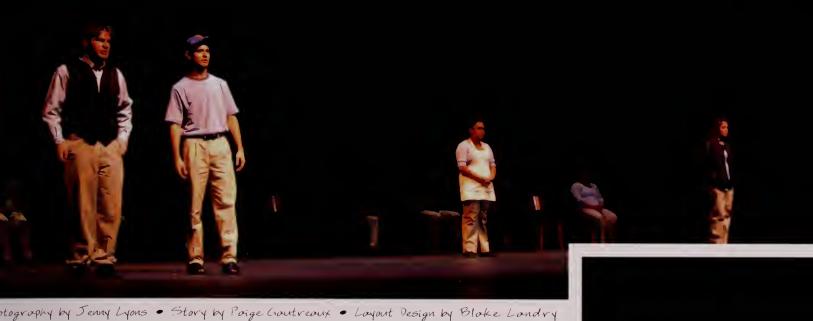
one hundred residents with a wild variety of perspectives, including the girlfriends of the murderers and the police officer who found Shepard as he lay dying.

The eight UL Lafayette students presenting the play portrayed over 50 characters in the two and a half hour play. Actress Krista Guillory expressed the difficulty of the roles: "It was exhausting. You were dealing with a very emotional subject and portraying many different people.

"We were in rehearsal for hours ever evening. It was very emotional, and I hope people came away with a strong message about toler-

ance," said Guillory.





Actor Myles McGinn portrayed, among other roles, one of the murderers waiting to be sentenced. When asked about his feelings on the play, he responded, "I hope those who see the show are compelled to search within them for acceptance of all of God's creatures.

"We all have equal rights as humans. Positive change will come once our full society agrees on the fact that we are all the same no matter what the superficial differences."



bourgeois hall

As obesity levels rose in Louisiana this year, more and more students found it necessary to stay healthy. Finding time to stay fit while attending college and working felt nearly impossible for students; thankfully, they could turn to the facilities available at Bourgeois Hall.

Bourgeois Hall, an on campus facility, was the place to cater to students who wanted to stay fit. Great work out equipment, a swimming pool, and an indoor track were just some of the conveniences accessible to busy students.

"I'll try to go during my lunch break or after my last class," said Economics major Shane Verret. "It's nice over there. The equipment is easy to use and the people are always polite."

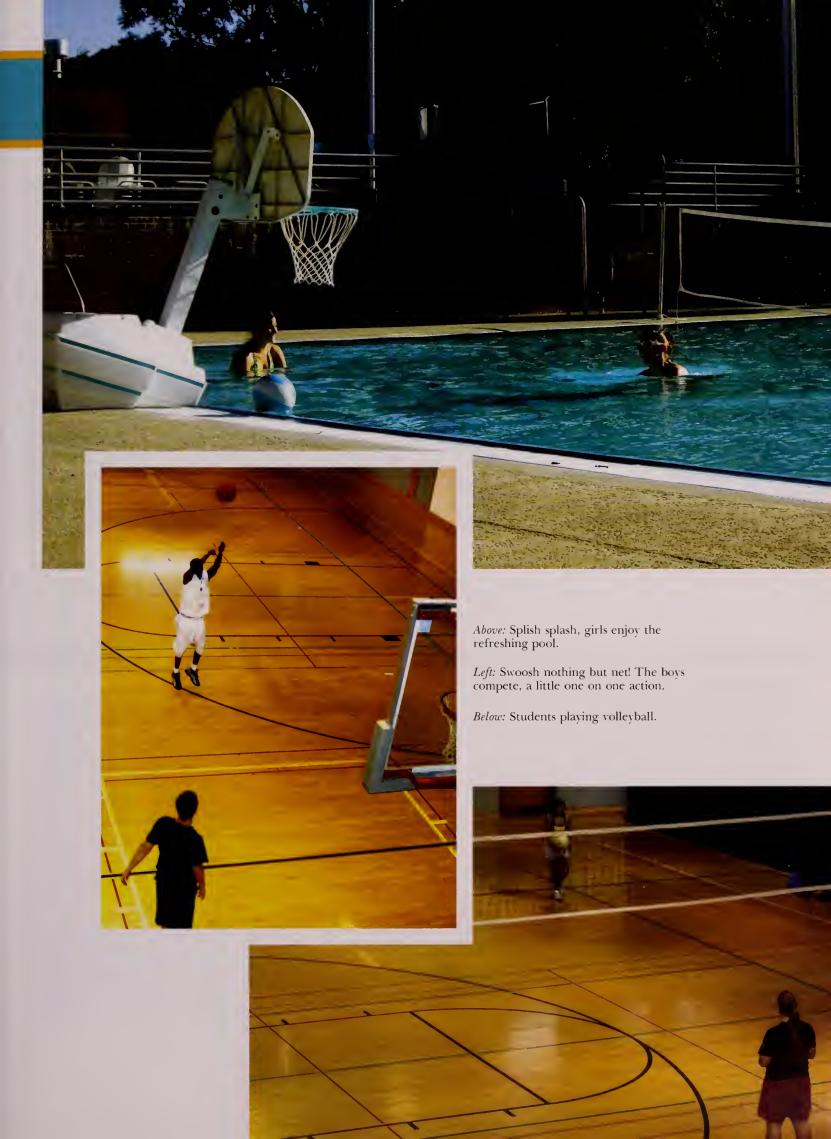
"It's always crowded when I go at around 1 pm" said journalism major Tanya Ardoin. And that it usually was; lots of students tended to work out at Bourgeois hall on their lunch break.

The average student in general exercised at least three to four times a week. Part of the convenience or Bourgeois lay in the fact that the school shuttle stopped there at every pass. Thus going during a lunch break or after school was always a great idea. Bourgeois Hall was also student-friendly in its price-tag; University of Louisiana at Lafayette students show their current student ID at the door for free entrance. Instead of buying a membership to a local gym, students and faculty take advantage of the campus facilities.

Wise students took advantage of the Bourgeois equipment and facilities. "Working out is very important" said Ardoin. "Everyone should find time to stay healthy." And Bourgeois Hall was just the place to get fit this year.



Left: The girlies all sweaty and sweet.



Music as inspiration is an understatement to UL-Lafayette senior Brad Broomfield. It's much more. To Broomfield, music is life—a talent he's been given to entertain the world but also be his way of expression.

Atlanta-born, New Orleans raised Broomfield grew up with his mother and sister.

"Two-women, one mission: fix me," Broomfield says. "Because of them I have lived my life striving for excellence in all facets of life."

Broomfield came to UL-Lafayette in 2004, majoring in music performance with a primary instrumental focus in percussion.

"Percussion is one of the few instrumental categories that can lead to a full audio and visual experience," Broomfield says. "I also love the variety. And with how restless I am, this can be a great thing. I'm never bored with percussion."

Broomfield, a member of the UL -Lafayette Symphony Orchestra and the UL -Lafayette Big Bang Percussion Ensemble, expects to graduate in Fall 2009



Brad Broomfield

with plans of taking his gift and love of music around the world. His plans to audition for graduate schools in the northeastern United States after graduation are only the start of his future goals.

"I want to play percussion in a major symphony orchestra. That's what I have to do," he says. "After that I want to study abroad in different countries to learn world percussion and how it is used in different countries such as West Africa, India, Brazil and Cuba, to name a few."

Broomfield loves UL-Lafayette, not only because it is where has exercised his love for music the past four years, but because he shares that love with fellow percussion studio students

that he has come to love and relate to over the years.

"[They] share so many of the same life and music qualities as I do that it gives me goose bumps knowing that there are people in this world so compatible with ourselves," he says.

For these past four years, UL Lafayette has seen passion, love, inspiration, ambition and insurmountable talents from this one student who plans to expand his knowledge of music as long as possible.

"I have to accomplish something," he says. "Life is too short."

The 5'4" charismatic and energetic exercise science major has more to him than meets the eye. He was this year's National Collegiate body building champion, making the University of Louisiana at Lafayette home to the buffest guy in the nation.

"I'm not like that."

"I'm short, but I'm all muscle," he laughed.

Melancon also holds the National teen body builder title and the Men's State title for Louisiana in body building. He won the Louisiana State Bodybuilding Title at only 18 years old.

As if body building, working out constantly and maintaining a 3.0 gpa aren't enough, Melancon is also on UL Lafayette's power lifting team. He is also a personal trainer to six people, helping them stay in shape, while holding down a part time job. "I make time

"Working out was always a natural high for me," said Melancon. "I never

needed anything else."

Besides working out twice a day, Melancon also follows a strict diet consisting of dry oats and water, chicken or yams. "I'm used to it now," he said. "It's becomes a lifestyle after awhile." He'll indulge in pizza every now and then, but never alcohol.

"My family has a long history of alcoholics," he said. "I won't touch the stuff."

Playing poker and hanging out with his friends keep him entertained when he isn't training, or when he has time.

With a busy schedule, a semester full of classes, and a booming social life, Melancon doesn't get distracted from staying in shape. He urges UL Lafayette students to "stay away from that fast food."

As for a girlfriend, Melancon seems like he wouldn't have the time to court someone. However, he stressed, "I'm single, and looking."

Jeff Melancon







Student Life

STEP SHOW

2007 greel expo



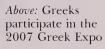
The 2007 Greek Expo was all about bragging righ ts. This annual event was one of the most talked about of Homecoming Week 2007. For the first time, The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's National Pan-Hellenic Council, the event organizers, decided that the team that performed the best would be awarded a trophy that they would keep until next year's step show. The pressure was on for each team. Who would run the yard in 2007?

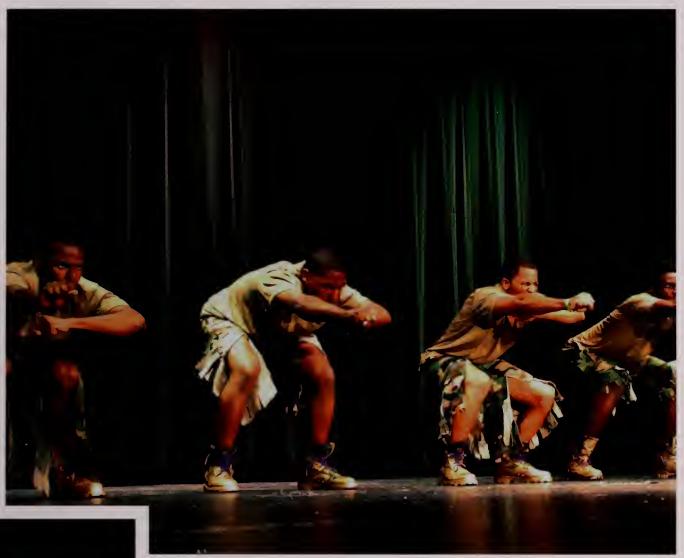
Entertaining a packed crowd of

students in the union ballroom was not enough for this year's expo. Each team performance was critiqued by a panel of judges who would eventually crown the best fraternity and sorority of the night. Each fraternity and sorority had various opportunities to strut around the union ballroom during brief intermissions at the Greek Expo. Other intermissions included a dance off between audience members and a performance by a local rap group.

Fraternities that performed at this year's show included Phi Beta Sigma,







Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi. Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta, Sigma Gamma Rho and Zeta Phi Beta were the sororities that graced this year's Greek Expo stage.

Each fraternity and sorority brought their unique steps to the stage. Phi Beta Sigma fraternity opened up the show with a high-energy performance. Omega Psi Phi brought the finishing touches in the final performance of the evening. Many audience members agreed that watching the fun they had on stage made their performance even more entertaining. The lovely ladies of Zeta Phi Beta were the first sorority to perform, followed Sigma Gamma Rho. Sigma Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity won the votes of Gamma Rho made their presence known by demanding their respect throughout their performance, while the Zetas' stellar performance and glamorous ensemble were the perfect combination. The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority finished the night in style. They wore sexy leather racer-style jumpsuits to give a rendition of a day on the Nascar track, featuring themselves as the "drivers" to bring the evening to a close.

Although all teams performed well, two teams stood out the most. Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta sorority were crowned the winners of the 2007 Greek Expo.

Of all of the sororities that performed at the Greek Expo, Delta Sigma Theta stood out above the rest. Not only did their performance highlight the true meaning of membership in their sorority by paying homage to their founders, their in-sync, highenergy stepping wowed the crowd and the judges.

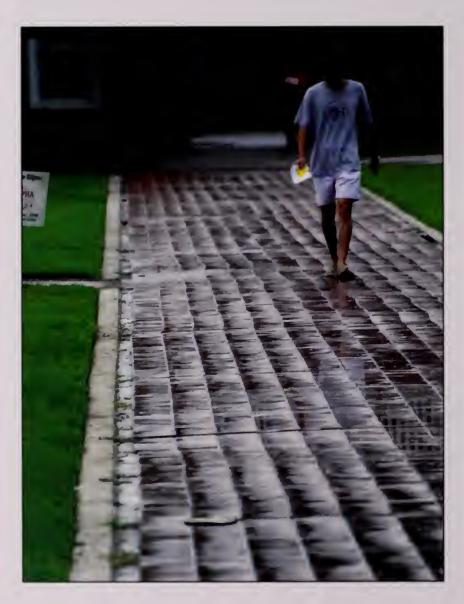
While appearing to have as much fun on stage as the audience watching them, the judges and captivated the crowd. Their energy was beyond comparison, and earned them this year's Greek Expo trophy.

This year two teams earned bragging rights that will follow them for an entire year. The trophies Alpha Phi Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta earned will be up for grabs again; for now, they run the yard.

Afternoon Showers



rainy days on campus



Water trickles down worn bricks. The air catches in hair, elevating and dampening each stand. Students roll up kaki pants while moist feet delicately dodge the St. Mary Blvd. River.

The subtropical climate of southwestern Louisiana turns the academic calendar into a battle of seasons. Students fight the first days of school with sweat trickling only to be rewarded with afternoon showers that make the creatures in the swamp delight. Rain and humidity, after all, are part of being a Cajun.

Some take it willingly, letting their hair down and twirling like five-year-olds in the midst of a toy run. Those students run in the quad and Rose Garden and truly seem intune with their surroundings. Others become damp physically and mentally. The wet cat approach is typically seen in those trapped in sub-artic classrooms following a five minute soaking to class. Then there are those that are prepared, the patrons

Left: A student makes his way to class despite the weather.



to the rain. They've felt the icy rooms and danced one too many a time. They've become acquainted. Typically, they have the umbrellas everyone secretly wants, the ones designed with cartoon characters and classic art.

As the few days of cold set in, many are taken aback as flip-flop clad toes try to regain warmth, particularly in the damp chill. Many students become bewildered by the climate, longing for the two days of spring that will come in March. Unfortunately, with spring comes

a false sense of hope. The prospect of no rain and picnic weather lulls those in it to believe that beautiful, rain free weather may stay longer this year.

The skies start to gray and squirrels can be see ducking under the buildings. With mournful sighs, everyone rolls up their pants, dons an umbrella, and thusly prepares for the familiar soaking.

Above: Flooding can be a problem around campus during a storm.



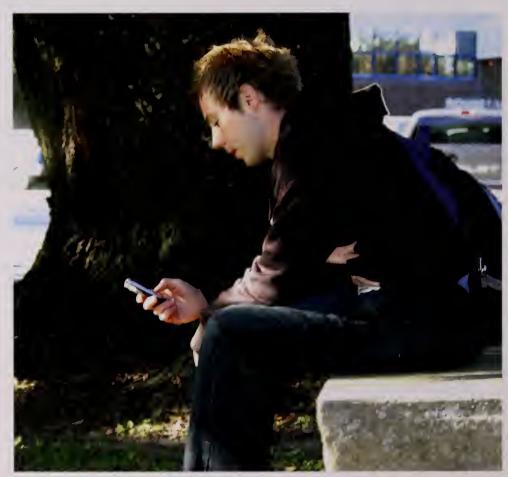
Mobile Campus

With the recent trend of ubiquitous cell phones, many students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette were rarely seen without a cell phone glued to their waist, ear, or stashed in their pockets this year. Because of this, UL Lafayette launched a university text messaging system for the Fall 2007 school year.

UL Lafayette Student
Personnel launched Mobile
Campus on Aug. 20. This
campus text messaging system is
offered to UL students, faculty,
and staff. Plans for installing this
new university communication
tool were in the works as early

as Spring and Summer of 2007; the idea was finally put into action in the fall.

"Mobile campus allows the university an avenue to get to students, faculty, and staff," said Greg Zerangue, Associate Dean of the office of Student Personnel. The system was created to keep all members of the university up-to-date with important school information throughout the year. Whether a hurricane threatened to force a campus closure, an English professor cancelled class, or football practice was cancelled or postponed, UL students were able to stay informed through Mobile Campus.



UL texts

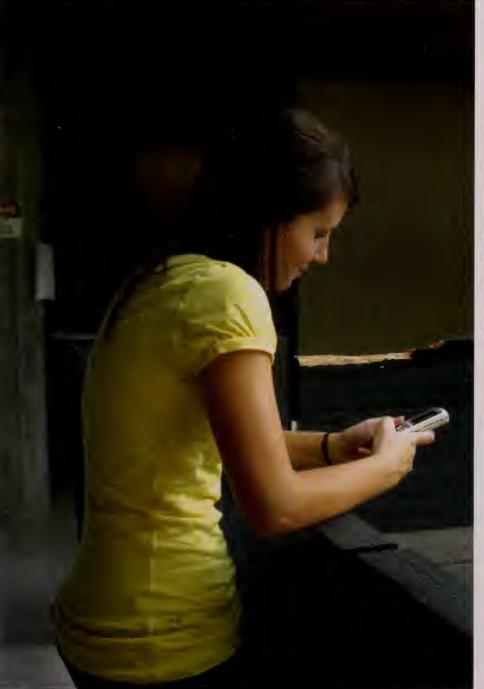
Mobile Campus also sent students exclusive offers from local businesses through text messages. Students could redeem the offers by showing the text message to the participating businesses, which included businesses such as Circuit City and Domino's Pizza. Students were given the option to refuse coupon offers so they would only receive text messages relating to campus or community activities. In fact, anyone who joined Mobile Campus could select special interests on the mobile campus website. Interests available included sports, jobs, travel and news, among other selections. This option allowed students to narrow down the text messages they would receive.

The program was free to students; however, the university benefits as well. One dollar was given to the university for every student that joined the Mobile Campus text messaging system. Those funds were used for beautification projects around campus.

This new way of keeping students informed was another way UL Lafayette remained a step ahead when helping everyone on campus.

Left: Text messaging is the fastest growing communication system.







Above: Students text messages between classes.

Right: One student gets in one last message before class.

CAMPUS CRITTERS

Though the purpose of this university is to educate incoming students, we did not forget that we are not the only creatures that use this campus. There seemed to be a collective force of critters who were intent on keeping life here exciting and the students on their feet. Their attempts made walking across campus a dangerous adventure.

The animals' espionage process began with the felines, the spies and master minds of the brigade, who lurk about and meeting in the grating under the library. Sleekly, they prowled about the campus, usually unseen. Then they gather would beneath the library, the center of information on campus, to begin plotting their next moves.

Communication was managed aerially: the birds. Residents of

various dorms on campus would attest to hearing these foul creatures squawking at all hours, be it day or night. But this, too, was part of the plan. So long as a student was incapable of getting a good night's rest, he was left even more weary, vulnerable to the attacks that laid ahead.

For as he would walk from Griffin to Mouton, there were small, beady eyes stalking him. Indeed, the squirrels were the most dangerous creatures. One squirrel would approach the victim, gazing at him and stealing away his attention, leaving the student off-guard and exposed. It would back away slowly toward a tree, leading the student right under its partner. The partner would attack, tossing acorns and nuts at high speeds.



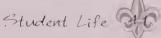
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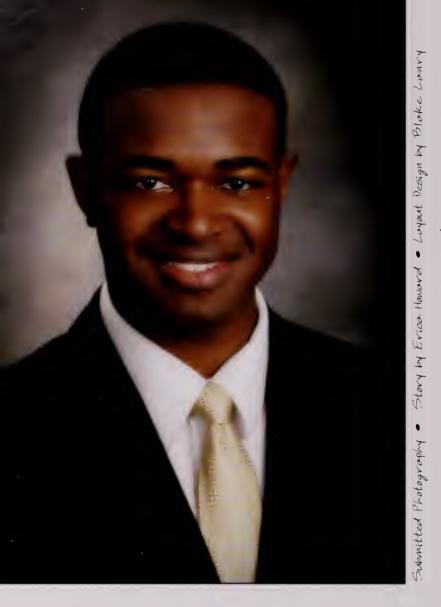
The University Habitat

The critters had allies off-campus too. Though not necessarily part of the campus, the pond still hosted an army of ducks that would block passage on the roads as students left campus. Fluffing their feathers in the face of a Ford, they made great efforts to ensure the timing of their street-crossings and preening with the busiest times on the road.

But all was not lost! For most days, the students were able to tend to their schooling, evading the enemy with sufficient skill. The students dodged acorns and swerved vehicles, and another year at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette passed with no critter-related casualties.







Brian Thomas

inspiring youth

Senior Brian Thomas represents more to his community than just a University of Louisiana at Lafayette student. He was part of the 2007-2008 generation of politicians in our country and represented UL Lafayette with pride. When Thomas was not fulfilling his duties as a full-time student, he served as the youngest elected Mayor Pro Tempore to ever serve in Louisiana, and he also upheld duties as Opelousas city alderman. Thomas majored in both risk management and finance. He also served as a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, Blue Key honor society, Phi Kappa Phi honor society and president of the Insurance and Risk Management society.

Thomas said he "would not trade his experience at UL for the world." Being at UL has allowed Thomas to remain close to Opelousas, his hometown. "What I love most about UL is the uniqueness of the people and the warm atmosphere," Thomas said. "UL has offered me great opportunities."

"My first economics class at UL made me realize how much the economy, money, and politics is interconnected and affects every aspect of our lives," Thomas said. For this reason, Thomas has taken his interest in politics and its components to the next level.

"I'm not inspired by one particular person. It's the absence of people that has inspired me," Thomas said.

Thomas is taking his political journey much further. He was currently running for District 40 state representative. The election was set to take place on Oct. 20.

Regardless of how the October election turns out, Thomas will still be an elected official, but he still hopes for the best.

Thomas expressed hopes that the steps he took over the fall will act as motivation for other young individuals who would like to get involved in politics. He admitted that he was tired of hearing that more young people should get involved in politics, so he took the leap to get involved.

"There's so much young people have to offer, but we have to step up to the plate and also be welcomed by the older generation," Thomas said. "The older generation gets hesitant and don't take young people in politics seriously."

Thomas definitively proved his older critics wrong. Through his political aspirations, he was a clear example of leading through example.

"I'm just focused on doing great things and trying to better the lives of people around me while trying to better myself at the same time," he said.

"Young people may look at me and say 'If he can do this, I can do this too'."

Danielle St. Julien





Danielle St. Julien admitted that attending the University of Louisiana at Lafayette was a tough decision to make.

"At first, I did not want to come to UL [Lafayette]," said St. Julien, "But coming to visit the university changed my mind. The atmosphere and the people on campus seemed like a family."

St. Julien, who listed watching movies, crocheting, sewing, and painting as hobbies, received her bachelor's degree in political science in May 2007. As of the fall semester of the 2007-08 school year, she was a student with UL Lafayette's graduate school, working on a degree in history.

St. Julien has been an active member of various groups at the university, including the Student Orientation Staff (SOS), Student Government Association (SGA), Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Beta Delta and Phi Alpha Theta.

"I am currently the historian for Phi Alpha Theta, which is the history honor society and president of the liberal arts department of SGA," she said. Both groups greatly benefitted from having St. Julien so involved. While acting as president of liberal arts, St. Julien organized UL Lafayette's first liberal arts career fair.

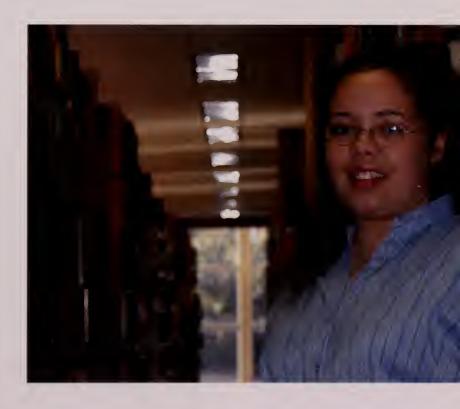
"The career fair was so important to the university because it was an opportunity for liberal arts majors to see what jobs were actually out there," she said.

St. Julien said that her experience with SOS gave her a special connection with the university. She marketed that same friendly, family-oriented atmosphere that lured her to UL Lafayette as a member of SOS.

"People still come up to me years later and tell me that I helped them—even if I was just helping them make their schedule," St. Julien said. "That's a great feeling."

Deciding to attend UL Lafayette has resulted in wonderful accomplishments for St. Julien.

"I hope that I stand as a reflection of the great aspects of the university," St. Julien says. Through her dedicated involvement, she has humbly made an enormous impact on UL Lafayette.











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a never ending process

With 1500 acres and over 250 building, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus just kept growing in the 2007-2008 school year. Bill Christ, the director of the Physical Plant department at UL, oversaw countless construction and architecture advances during his 15 years of employment. And the 2007-2008 school year was no exception.

The most talked about addition to the campus was the parking garage on St. Mary. The additional parking has been sorely needed as enrollment at UL Lafayette has exploded over the past few years. The construction work on it began in May 2007 and was completed in early 2008. Employees and equipment were obtained in March 2008. The garage should be active at the start of the Fall 2008 semester.

Another major addition was the Burke-Hawthorne merger. Burke Hall has housed the communication classes for years, but the building was in need of renovation. The project began in May 2007 and should end December 2008. The future holds great advances too. The final designs of an addition of a



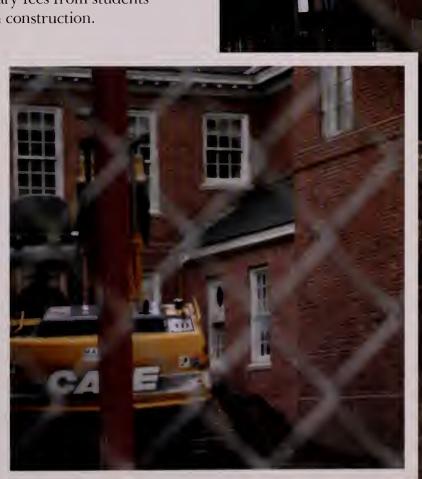
child development center to the research park were completed by February 2008. Also in February 2008, designs to renovate Girard Hall were concluded. It was originally built in 1922, and its last renovation was in 1954 so it was well due for an update.

The Physical Plant department also embarked on the demolition of selected buildings in Legacy Park. The demolition was scheduled so that the construction of three new buildings may commence. That construction should begin on June 1, 2008 and be completed by the Spring 2009 semester. The plans for adding another weight room at Bourgeois Hall were completed in September 2005. However, Hurricane Katrina caused a 35 percent increase in all construction costs, so even in February 2008, the school was still collecting the necessary fees from students before it could begin construction.

Opposite: The maje construction alightir on campu

Above: New buildings are growing like weeds.

Right: Already existir building are being added to



Political Film Series

Politics were in full swing for the 2007 fall semester at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. Political bumper stickers were pasted on trash cans and signs were pinned on walls representing candidates for their particular office. Political propaganda was on our TV's, on our radio's and in our bathrooms on campus during the fall 2007 semester, and many political science teachers helped us get involved.

Dr. Rick Swanson and Dr. Ryan-Paul Frost hosted a political film series on campus which gave a chance for students with no political knowledge to meet politically informed individuals. The politics film series showed a variety of political movies, regardless of political stance. The films were presented in Moody Hall, room 130, every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. throughout the fall 2007 semester.

"Citizen Kane," a movie in black and white and directed by Orson Wells, was shown Wed. Sept. 19. The movie is based on the famous yellow journalist William Randolph Hearst.

On Oct. 3, "The Paper Chase" was played. This movie was made in 1973 and is based "word for word" on the novel "The Paper Chase." This movie starred John Houseman and Timothy Bottoms.

"The Manchurian Candidate," a popular film in America, was presented on Oct. 17. This intense movie is about a prominent political family that became brainwashed into becoming an assassin for the communist party.

On Oct. 31, "All quiet on the Western Front" was presented to the students, a perfect movie for Halloween Night. This Oscar winning movie is about a WWI veteran, Erich Maria Remarque, and his experience during WWI. The movie expressed the horrors

of the war and his experiences with German Civilian life.

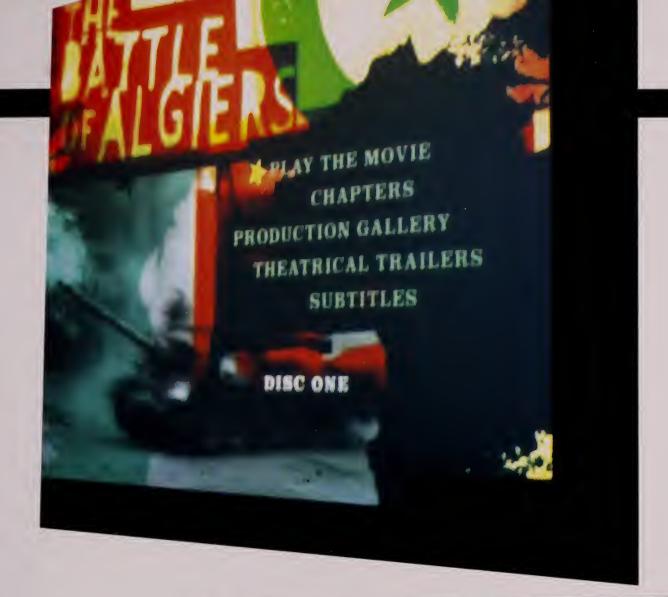
"The Battle of Algiers" was played on Nov. 14. It is a movie by Gillo Pontecorvo based on events during the 1954-1962 Algerian War of Independence against French rule.

The last movie presented, "Mr. Smith goes to Washington," was shown on Nov. 28. It is a 1939 film about American government and was nominated for 11 academy awards.

The selection of movies was intense and informing. Many students enjoyed not only the movie time, but also the glimpse into Hollywood's view of politics. The politics film series was a great way for students to have fun with politics without debate.



Students and faculty who have gathered for the film series discuss what they have just watched.



Right: The Battle of Algiers was one of many politically charged films showcased this semester.



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Student Life 29





Left: A student g drop a class and g to get a W on he transcript.

Every college student has had one of those classes. Perhaps it was at eight in the morning on a Tuesday and Thursday. Maybe the student and professor just didn't see eye to eye. Perchance said student was studying nine hours per day for the fifteen page essay tests; maybe the student was in an accident of some sort. The dropped class can be a saving grace for these students. Yet many students at the University of Lafayette have suspected that their drop date is creeping away from the end of the semester and closer to the beginning.

In actuality, while the fall drop date of the past few years has moved back, the spring drop date has been pushed forward in an attempt to balance it out. In the fall semester of 2005, the last day to drop a class with a grade of "W" was November 4, 2005. In the fall of 2006, it was only a day earlier, November 3, 2006. In the fall of 2007, students were brought cowering to their knees by a drop date of October 11, 2007, only seven weeks after the first day of classes.

Despite administrational efforts to balance the scales, the difference in the spring semester drop dates stayed marginal. In spring of 2006, the last day to drop with a "W" was March 31, 2006. Spring of 2007 actually also was pushed back slightly to March 29, 2007. In the spring of 2007, students could actually hold out until April 3, 2007.

Dropping with a "W" places a note on the student's transcript that they attended much of the class, but withdrew before the end of the semester. Reasons for withdrawing are not stated on the transcript.

Although no reason has been given for the earlier drop dates, some suggest that UL Lafayette's increasing number of students and dedication to academic prowess are behind the early drop dates. For current students, however, it means a need to attend to their studies and communicate with professors, cutting down the need to drop classes.

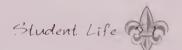
Drop Date Change

Stop Drop and Un-enroll



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Above: Lee Hall is where they can tend to all your Class Scheduling discrepancies.



VERMILION .

Students led a busy life this year at The University of Louisiana at Lafayette. There wasn't much time left for catching up on local news or current events after studying and working everyday. Every Wednesday, however, thousands of students picked up the Vermillion, the UL Lafayette newspaper, to keep updated on opinions, student lives, campus organizations and current events.

The Vermilion, which entered publication in 1904, has helped the student body to stay informed on issues that are important to them with a sports section. Students can stay posted on the outcomes of their favorite teams. The political column, with a conservative and liberal columnist, helps the students renovate their political opinions by picking a side and even submitting their opinion. Other sections of the newspaper include music, movies, health and fitness, and opinions.

"This year we had some significant things going on that drew important people to campus," said Editor in Chief Heather Miller.

"When Dr. Savoie was chosen as UL at Lafayette's new president, a couple of us got to meet him to cover the story, so that was pretty big. Also, Gov. Bobby Jindal came to campus during his campaign. So did Walter Boasso, Jindal's Democratic opponent."

Many stories covered this year featured significant students on the front page. "We also ran a story on Brian Thomas, a UL at Lafayette student, fraternity

brother, city council member of Opelousas, and also second in line to the mayor in Opelousas," said Miller.

"Amidst all that, he ran for State Rep. He is a tremendous asset to our school, so I was proud to feature him on the front cover."

The Vermilion was definitely a treat for stressed out students. Whether students read it to keep updated or just to see their own groups or organizations in it, the campus newspaper was an added bonus to a stressful week.

"I want people to remember that although The Vermilion is mostly centered around campus events, which can seem boring sometimes, it is also one of the only published forums on our campus for expressing opinions, whether they are grievances or praise," said Miller.

"Regardless of whether students live on campus or not, The Vermilion is a great place to learn about great, positive things happening on campus. UL at Lafayette has a lot to be proud of, and students should want to know about those things."

students' wednesday pick-up







body Art

expressive epidermal canvases

Art according to the dictionary is the quality, production, expression, or realm, according to aesthetic principles, of what is beautiful, appealing, or of more than ordinary significance. For some, art is expressed through photos, clay, and paper. However, for some students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette their own bodies become a canvas.

Tattoos have been a means of expression since Neolithic times. Many times they are used as an expression, whether that is for religious, political, or personal reasons.

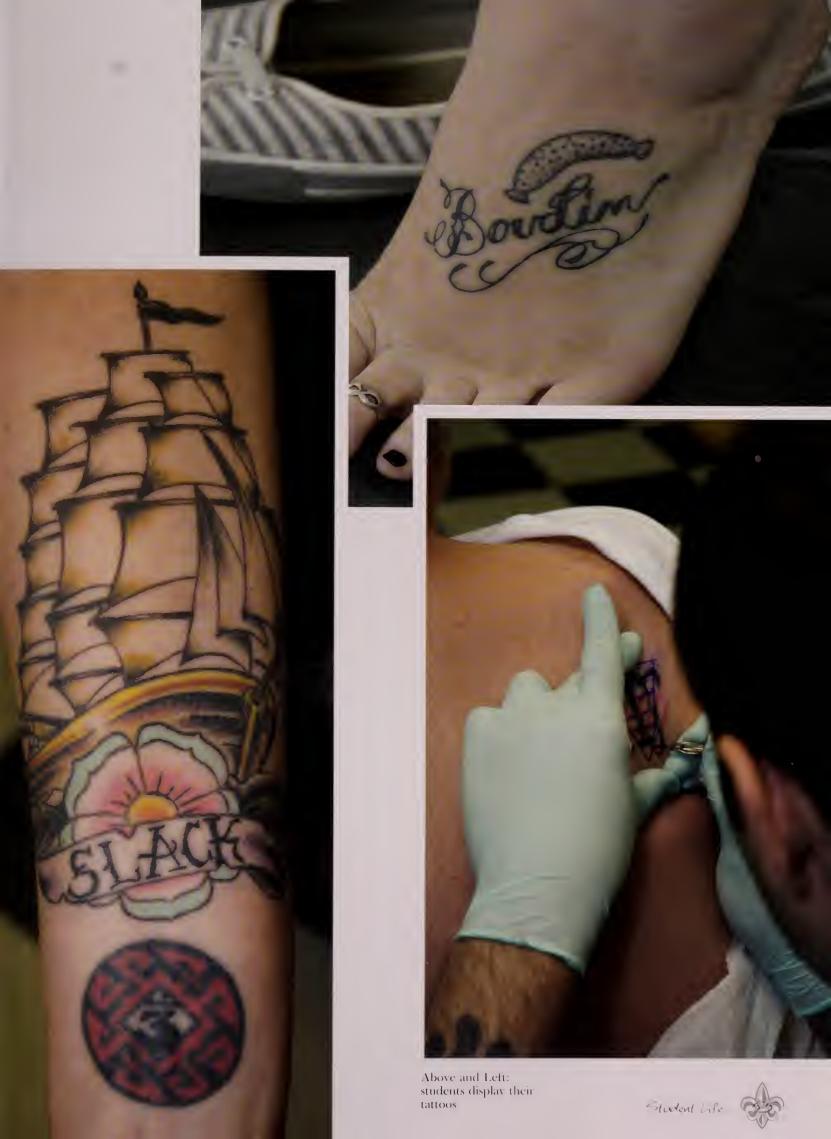
"I am a fan of the whole culture that surrounds tattoos. I like the look and style; I believe that they don't have to be a huge mistake like many make them out.," said John Halbert, a general studies major.

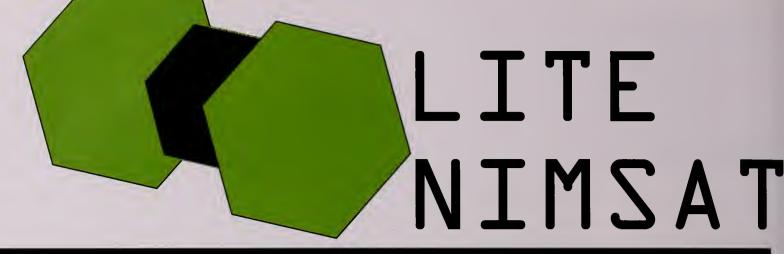
The trend is becoming more popular amongst the student population, and though the process can

be expensive, many students feel the process is worth it.

"Despite the cost and risks, I feel I need to express myself. It's certainly a less destructive means of expressing myself," said Kyle Rohen, a senior English major. "It's kind of symbolic of where I'm at in life of when I do get it. The tattoo I plan on getting is a half Hedwig half Mexican moon. It's symbolic of my personality."

Though some place a negative stigma on body art, students continue to ink their skin. For many it is an outlet that will reflect their state of mind during their college terms and for the years to come after graduation.







"It didn't take me but just literally a few seconds to realize what an extraordinary asset this is." Those were the words of Sen. Mary Landrieu (D-LA) in describing the new public-private disaster planning effort NIMSAT, which was officially launched in March 2008 at the LITE center. NIMSAT is a partnership between UL Lafayette and 20 public and private interests, which include James Lee Witt Associates, Wal-Mart, San Diego State University and others. NIMSAT will use the power of multiple supercomputers, including the one housed at Lafayette's LITE center. Some of the NIMSAT partners were personally represented at the launch. Brian Kuhn of Wal-Mart said that "we think that the links that NIMSAT will help us create between the public sector, the private sector, and the academic community are going to open up a lot of new doors for us, that the research and the computing power that NIMSAT will bring will help solve some of those problems that have vexed emergency managers over time."

Speaking to a crowd in the darkened LITE Center theater named for former Governor Blanco, Dr. Ramesh Kolluru explained that while Louisiana was number 20 on the Homeland Security pecking order of cash according to risk, when the NIMSAT team added factors for natural disasters by studying a different database, Louisiana shot up to number two. After making a quiet but noticeable entrance, Sen. Landrieu arrived late due a flat airplane tire with what appeared to be an entourage. To the tune of subsequent applause she made her intentions regarding NIMSAT very clear. "You've got my full commitment. Although we do get beat up every now and then for earmarks that we send back to the state, I want to say here and now I am very proud of the earmark that I will send to this center."



Speakers at the NIMSAT conference, including Sen. Mary Landrieu.









Campus Ministries

College can be incredibly emotionally stressful for many students. Often, students turn to faith and religion to help support them in their times of frustration. Several campus ministries help University of Louisiana at Lafayette's students to connect with others of similar faith and to find solace in their transitional times.

The Westley is one of the most friendly and open of campus ministries. The building is on University Drive, across from Martin Hall. A common sight on Mondays and Wednesdays is a trail of people walking to the ministry for free lunch and Bible study. The students from the Westley have also organized several trips to New Orleans to help renovate houses devastated by Hurricane Katrina.

The Episcopal Church of the Ascension works to support the Canterbury House, one alternative for faith-searching university students. The Canterbury House forms a quiet faith community, offering evening services and a church youth group for a community.

The Baptist Collegian Ministry (BCM) provides a more exuberant approach, performing missionary work from New Orleans to Virginia. They, like the Westley, provide a weekly free lunch, feeding students with home-cooked meals and Bible studies.

Campus Outreach, otherwise known as Impact, is a smaller non-denominational group that reaches out to students on campus. Their meetings are on Tuesday evenings in the Student Union.

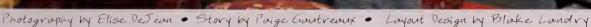
The Newman
Catholic Center, located
across the street from
Angelle Hall on St. Mary,
provides a center for the
large Catholic community
of UL Lafayette. They
provide classes to acquaint
people with the ideas of
Catholicism, as well as
offering the Kurzweg Café
for coffee and religious
discussions.

Finally, Chi Alpha provides the largest religious community on campus for many students to enjoy. The group offers reasonably priced food to students in the form of Roly Poly Sandwiches, Starbucks, and American Meat Pie locations. Through provisions of concerts and space, they also offer students a valuable sense of community.



the spiritual decision







Above Left: A students from the Newman further their knowledge of their rich faith.

Above Right: Along with the great ministy many of the centers serve food and drinks.

Left: A member from Chi Alpha talks on the phone.



"College is a leveling ground. There are no more lunch tables!" exclaimed the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Laura Hill.

There are many classic overachievers that join clubs and play sports just for fun. Some overachieve in school just to fill space on a resume. But 22 year old Laura Hill tries to keep all of her activities in perspective.

Hill is a Modern Languages major with a concentration in French and Francophone studies. She is in many organizations such as Phi Beta Delta (International Society), Blue Key, and was the French Club president for 2 years. Hill is also the chairwoman of the Honor's Society, tackling tasks such as planning events for students, working with the constitution of honors, and talking to professors about honors courses.

"I'm really big on breast cancer awareness," said Hill. Hill, in her spare time, does charity work for one of the many breast cancer foundation's run by Susan G. Komen

On first impression, Hills bubbly personality and bright eyes can light up a room. Her whole hearted smile left no sign that she had recently had emergency surgery.

Born in Kalamazoo, Michigan and raised in Monroe, Louisiana with a younger brother and an older sister, Hill looks up to her whole family. "I always go to my dad for sound advice, and I always respected my mom for being able to mold into any situation." stated Hill. Her dad is a scientist and her mom owns her own business. "I practically grew up in my dads lab," said Hill.

After Hill graduates in Spring '08, she plans to go into international law. She wants to do policy work and international relations. "I want use the French that I know to work in Francophone areas, like the Caribbean and Africa," said Hill.

"I try not to dwell on the differences of people," said Hill. "We're all humans. And that sounds so hippy...but its true!"





BRAD BAKER

Graduate students often feel the pressure of balancing school and work, trying to stay centered through the wearing process of intensive, focused study. Sometimes, students find it helpful to turn to organizations within their graduate program for both advice and support from their peers in a similar situation. Brad Baker, University of Louisiana at Lafayette graduate, found that he served well as one of the members of such an organization.

Baker, who grew up in Lafayette, originally went to UL Lafayette for his baccalaureate degree in marketing. He then went on to work on his MBA, graduating in December of 2007.

Baker was originally from Lafayette, LA, and graduated from Lafayette High School. He stayed in Lafayette for college in order to stay close to his family. His parents own a bed and breakfast in Breaux Bridge, and his brother attends UL Lafayette.

While attending UL Lafayette, he became involved in the MBA Association, eventually winning the presidential election for the

organization. "It was a good way to get involved in graduate school, especially business school," said Baker.

The MBAA organized football tailgating, family fun day, and business socials, as well as giving graduate students in the business department a chance to connect with each other. "It was challenging to run a graduate organization," said Baker, "but rewarding."

When asked to give advice to undergraduate students, at UL Lafayette, Baker suggested starting early and remaining active to build a resume. "Get some experience, possibly work experience, before doing to graduate school," said Baker.

"There's a very high value in your education, but you don't necessarily have to go to grad school," he continued. "Don't wait too long to look for jobs."



big BANG

In April 2008, University of Louisiana at Lafayette's percussion ensemble productions held its annual Big Bang, which featured an array of music styles from all over the globe.

Those in attendance experienced two splendid hours of musical creations and styles from Brazil to Africa. This year's percussion ensemble productions included Caribbean steel drums, Brazilian samba band, Afro-Cuban, Marimba ensembles, Indonesian gamelan, Japanese taiko, and African drum and dance, just to name a few.

Troy Breaux, the director of percussion studies at UL Lafayette, led the group of talented musicians, who captivated the audience from start to finish.

This year's special guests included Luis Benetti and Lisa Pegher. Benetti specializes in many different types of music, including Afro-Carribbean and Latin Jazz. Pegher, a percussionist who has received various awards for her work in renowned orchestras and symphony groups around the country, was on stage for a wonderful performance during the first half of the show. Both entered and left the stage to roaring rounds of applause.

Through their unique variations of music, the percussion ensemble took the audience to carnival in Rio, Japan and Africa with a range of instruments from around the world.

At one point during the show the audience participated in a conga line as the Afro-Caribbean percussion ensemble and Luis Benetti played a song entitled "Poutpurri de Congas" that had the audience on their feet and some dancing onstage to the upbeat tune.

This wonderful production, sponsored and presented by the university's school of music, was a great success. The super-talented musicians undoubtedly worked long and hard to produce such a splendid show. There was no doubt the talent onstage gave the packed audience a show that they would not soon forget.

drumming up a good time

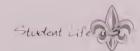








Left and Above: percussionists from around the world perform.







International Week

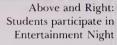
celebrating international culture



"International Week is a blend; it's a mixture of beautiful cultures around the world," explained Dennis Vallejo, a risk management major. "It's a chance for us to gather and realize how precious our nationalities are."

From March 3 to March 8, students all over the University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus celebrating diversity among their fellow students. Monday, March 3, held the Kick-Off Party on the Student Union porch, and the Miss International Pageant was held in the Student Union ballroom later that night.

"Miss International 2008 was the best in two years," said Kate Orgah, a junior Business Management major. "Mexico was great. And, of course, Nigeria was great as well."





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Left: International Week celebrates the different nationalities represented at UL **Juras**

Arabia



On Tuesday, International Awareness Tables were set up in the Child Development Center for nearly two hours, educating students about other countries and cultures. Later that night, Phi Beta Dekta and the OIA sponsored Madege Dufort's presentation entitled "Exploring Issues of Identity & Diversity in Contemporary French Antilles (Martinique & Guadalupe)" in Moody Hall.

Students enjoyed Entertainment Night on Wednesday in the ballroom. Belly dancer Bronwyn Frederick, a freshman who performed on March 5, said, "Entertainment night was the highlight of International Week for me. There was nothing like getting to perform with different nationalities who worked hard to put on a great show. I really enjoyed doing this and will never forget it."

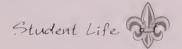


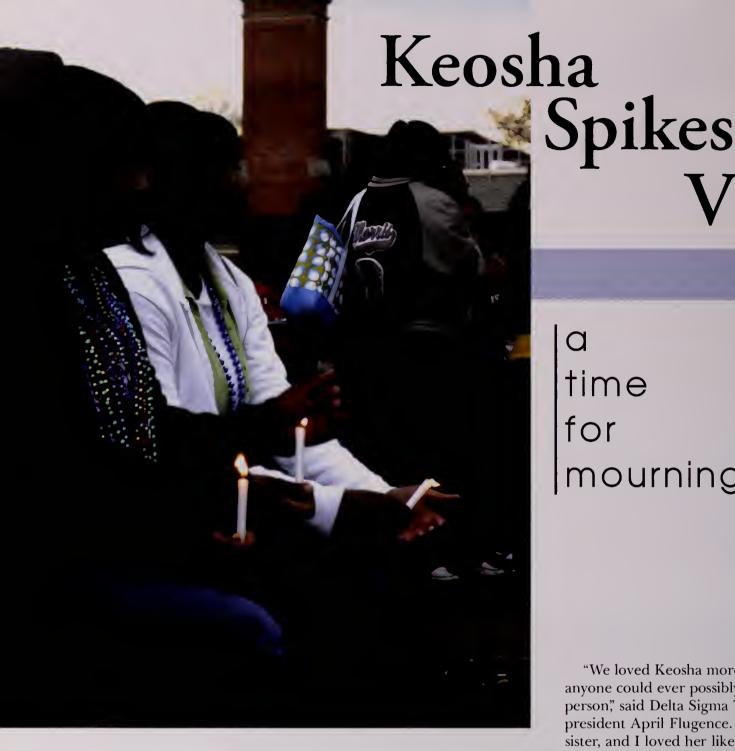
Above: Students participate in the Internationial Week Fashion Show



International Movie Night was Thursday, March 6, in the Noisy Lounge of Judice-Rickles Hall. The week of celebration came to a close Saturday night in the ballroom with the International Dinner and Ball, hosted by DJ Tonic and Byron.

"I think that next year it should become even larger and try to attract more American students," explained Naaser Aldeen Sawaf, a freshman majoring in architecture. "This could help break the stereotypes against any race or culture."





time for mourning

The University of Louisiana-Lafayette student body sadly lost of one of its very own in Jan. 2008: Keosha Spikes.

Spikes, a senior business management major, was set to graduate in spring 2008. She was an active member of the Theta Xi Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.. Her nickname from her sorority sisters was "Prophecy, a name that summed up the loving attitude, sisterhood, and leadership she displayed among them.

Besides her active membership in Delta Sigma Theta, Spikes was also an officer on the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) and she had also been

a member of the UL Ragin' Peppers and Student Orientation Staff while attending UL.

"I knew Keosha best as a leader in her sorority and as an NPHC officer," said Patricia Cottonham, associate dean of students and director of Greek Affairs at UL. "She was very hard working and she always had a smile on her face."

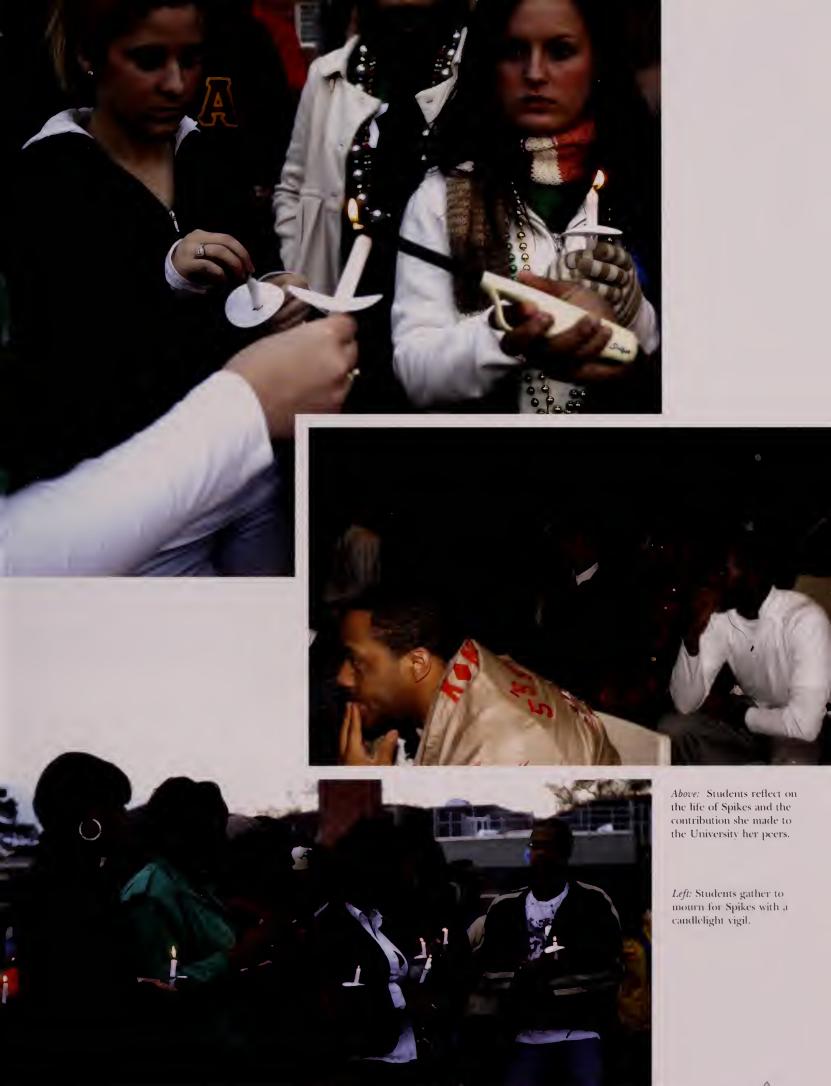
A candlelight vigil was held for Spikes on Jan. 31, 2008, where her sorority sisters, supporters, friends and classmates gathered to remember and celebrate Spikes' life. Following the vigil, a memorial for Spikes was featured during the 2008 Black History Celebration.

"We loved Keosha more than anyone could ever possibly love one person," said Delta Sigma Theta president April Flugence. "She was our sister, and I loved her like a sister."

Spikes' cousin Monica Jones said, "Her name meant alive, one who lives, and that she did. She lived, she loved, and she loved hard."

Those who knew and loved Spikes says it was her smile that warmed their hearts and had the power to light up a room. For that one reason among many, those who have mourned her death will never forget her.

"Keosha Spikes was the best thing that ever happened to me," said Brandon Lewis, president of UIs NPHC. "She was the quintessential African-American woman. She loved her church, she loved her sorority. She carried herself with dignity. We all have learned something from Keosha Michelle Spikes."



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FESTIVALINTERNATIONAL



cultures united





Every spring during the last weekend of April, thousands are drawn to Lafayette, Louisiana, for the creative explosion that takes over the downtown area known as Festival International de Louisiane. The internationally renowned music festival is a colorful mash of colors and personalities. In recent years, the estimated attendance has been over 300,000; this year's festival was the biggest so far.

According to the official website (http://www.festivalinternational.com/site.php), "Festival International de Louisiane is a community-based, non-profit arts organization formed in 1986 to produce an annual visual and performing arts festival celebrating the

French cultural heritage of southern Louisiana – primarily a combination of French, African, Caribbean and Hispanic influences. "

The 2008 Festival International was held from April 23-28, closing off most of downtown Lafayette. Usually, Louisiana weather seems to greet its international visitors with a special heat wave right before the festival. However, the weather at the 2008 festival stayed cloudy, breezy, and comfortably cool from Wednesday to Sunday. It set the casual, comfortable atmosphere for walking the blocks of artists, vendors, musicians, and fellow festivalgoers.

several blocks were specifically dedicated for vendors to set up booths; called Marche du Monde, this market area is reminiscent of the open-air fruit market of the New Orleans French Quarter. Vendors sell everything from jewelry and hair clips to art to swings and hammocks. The hammock booths were consistently full of children and teenagers trying out the merchandise, relaxing in the comfortable swinging chairs.

Hungry attendees could look to the food booths scattered around the festival. Restaurants around the area provided a variety of food for those willing to pay the price. As with most festivals, especially those without an entrance fee, food prices





were astronomical; yet there was also a fascinating uniqueness to the idea that a box of hummus and pita bread could be purchased next to a bowl of crawfish etouffee for approximately the same price.

Festival International also provided an excellent place for parents to bring their children. There were several educational programs held on Saturday and Sunday, specifically designed for elementary school aged children. These workshops taught about the cultures, languages, and people of the countries participating in Festival International.

University of Louisiana at Lafayette, as always, contributed in many ways to Festival International de Louisiane. UL Lafayette students comprised many of the over 1,500 volunteers that help to keep the festival free. University students also worked to provide some of the entertainment throughout the weekend. UL Lafayette's Dance department performed several times throughout the weekend; the UL

Lafayette Percussion group performed on Saturday. Also moving throughout the festival was the UL Lafayette Juggling Team.

The biggest draw of Festival International de Louisane, however, is the music. The 2008 festival drew in huge crowds with their many and varied musical guests. One of the most talked about performances was the Thursday night performance of the Blind Boys of Alabama, featuring the talents of the Preservation Hall Jazz Band Horns. The Blind Boys took the stage late in the evening and proceeded to cast a spell over the audience, powerful spirituals and upbeat gospel music causing everyone from older listeners, small children, and everyone in between to dance joyously in the crowd. Their performance culminated in a spine-tingling performance of the classic hymn "Amazing Grace" performed to the guitar riffs of the classic ballad "House of the Rising Sun" while a cool night breeze cooled off an excited audience.

Another set of musical performers not to be missed were the March Fourth Marching Band. They appeared to be the least conventional marching band in existence, their members dressed in mismatched outfits of black, red, and pink; their playing was sharp and their sound unique. The band leader, a small, energetic man with a xylophone on a pushcart, would often beckon audience members to join them by dancing next to the band. Three stilt walkers accompanied them and threw plastic Mardi Gras beads to their favorite audience members.

Festival International de Louisiane is always a festive, energetic occasion; the 2008 festival was no different. Every year, the festival brings a uniquely festive air to the downtown area, crossing international boundaries to celebrate the common languages of music, creativity, and joy.



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Opposite: There are diffent events happening ever hour of the day.

> Top: Along with music their also craft for various different countries.

Middle: Musicians perform on several diffent stages all over that grounds.

Right: Many Cajun musicians added local spice to events.





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The weekend of April 26, 2008, a special group of former students had the opportunity to see something they themselves had a hand in creating. Under the guidance of Dean Edward Pratt and staff, former Student Government Association presidents visited the campus for a reunion.

The reunion started following a dedication baseball game, where members of the University of Louisiana at Lafayette baseball team donned former UL uniforms dating back over fifty years.

The group was then escorted to

campus where they were able to tour the campus. The older president in attendance held office during the 1940s. Many hadn't been back in a number of years, some even since their graduation from school. New buildings, such as the computer science building, B.I. Moody, and plans for the upcoming student union were shown off proudly. A stroll around the swamp was also taken.

Dinner followed the tour, allowing a time of reminiscing amongst the new and old presidents. Many were talking about the raises in tuition they passed.

A newspaper filled with facts about prior campus law was completed by The Vermilion staff was handed out. One fact talked about a ten cent tuition raise that shocked the student body.

The final stop of the evening was between the brand new UL parking garage and art museum. As the former presidents read and talked about prior events, the music from Festival International could be hard whisking over the campus. The party departed pleased for work they had accomplished many decades before. Plans for another reunion are already in the works.

SGA PRESIDENT'S REUNION



The festivities kicked off in the new parking garage.

X-treme Spring Break

In 2008, UL-Lafayette students put their bathing suits and beach towels on ice for spring break, taking part in X-treme Spring Break, a student volunteering event.

Students from UL, McNeese, Nicholls, and other Louisiana universities broke out the hammers, nails and measuring tape to work with Habitat for Humanity, an organization that has been dedicated to helping families affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita rebuild their lives, one brick at a time.

The 76 students that volunteered for the event worked in Vermillion Parish, an area just outside of Lafayette. Hurricane Rita ripped through Vermillion Parish in 2005, destroying the homes of countless families.

The students worked on an empty patch of land, where Habitat for Humanity land developers plan to build homes for those affected by Rita, which immediately followed Hurricane Katrina in 2005.

Their assignment: building 10 sheds from the ground up. From Monday to Friday, students worked in groups, determined to get their sheds completed by the end of the week. Adrenaline kept

students going through intense winds and heat during their week of volunteering, but most of all they were pushed by knowing that that one shed will make a whole lot of difference for an entire family one day soon.

Candace Urbanowski, president of the Student Government Association, governed plans for a work-filled and funfilled week of volunteering. Besides being on-site for eight hours a day, students took part in volleyball tournaments, games, movie nights, pool-side barbecues and service learning sessions as Bourgeious Hall, where many students who participated resided for the week.

Each day, students came to work, more eager than they were the day before. The week was a great success, and the accomplishments of those a part of it will be felt for years to come by families who will one day have homes on that once empty patch of land. The thrill of such a wonderful week of volunteering was immeasurable for the participants and even greater for those fighting to rebuild Louisiana.

putting vacation time to work







Right and above: Students work hard on the sheds being built through the habitat for humanity program



Identity Theft

accident leads to information leak

Sept. 19, 2007, college students statewide received news that could potentially affect them for the rest of their lives. Any students who applied for financial aid in Louisiana (FAFSA), received TOPS or had a Louisiana College Savings Account (START saving program) were shocked to discover that their personal information was lost and could potentially be accessed.

The data was lost on the morning of Sept. 19, when a driver for Iron Mountain Incorporated was transferring the data to a storage facility. Iron Mountain Incorporated is Louisiana's data storage contractor. By Sept. 20, Iron Mountain informed the Louisiana Office of Student Financial Assistance (LOSFA) that the data had been lost during the transfer.

The missing data includes students' names, date of birth, and social security numbers. The Louisiana attorney general and state police are investigating the incident, which could possibly lead to numerous cases of identity theft. However, it has been learned that accessing the backup data that was lost will require advanced computer skills. There still is some risk for students, though.

LOSFA set up a special website which allowed students who were likely affected by the data breach to confirm whether or not their information was included in the lost data.







Right: Losing personal imformation can have long term effects

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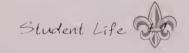
Like other universities in the state of Louisiana, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette took special precautions to make sure students were fully informed and knew who to contact if they had questions or concerns about the data breach. Students who contacted the university with concerns were given special information about placing fraud alerts on their credit reports. Special identity theft programs were also handling cases of those affected by the data breach.

For years, applying for financial aid seemed like a worry free task, but after the startling data breach incident, students were on edge. If the data was accessed by the unscrupulous, it could end in a life-changing nightmare for countless students.

Students statewide were hoping that a potential nightmare does not become a reality. However, with reassuring efforts by the state of Louisiana and UL Lafayette administration, uneasy students relaxed for the moment, but hope that the lost data will eventually be found.



Above and Left: Be sure to never misplace or lose cards with important infomation.



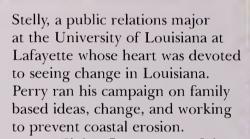


Politics in Louisiana are usually a rapid horse race consisting of money, campaigning, and corrupt politicking. Throughout Louisiana history, bribery and deceit has taken hold of Louisiana politics, turning them into an unpleasant joke. However, and least politicians set out to a series least political set out to a series le

into an unpleasant joke. However, in 2007 some local politicians set out to change the ethics around the state. Optimistic students had a great deal to do with this change.

The District 47 race, which included Cameron and Vermilion Parishes, was a heated one. Johnathan Perry, 34, and the only Republican in the race, was running for the State Rep. seat. His campaign manager was Jenna





Eighty-five percent of the constituents from District 47 were registered as Democrats. Still, Perry won the race by an exceptional margin.

"He was a moral, honest and fresh person. People saw this. He's just a genuine person and people knew that that was what they were going to get," said Stelly.

"Johnathan identified with the people."

Stelly, a senior at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, became involved in politics during her sophomore year of high school. "If Johnathan wasn't the type of person he was, I wouldn't have gotten that experience," said Stelly.

"During the campaign, there was nothing he wouldn't let me do."

Perry's appeal to the people showed itself in numbers. His campaign raised over \$80,000. "People just don't throw their money around for someone they don't feel is worthy for the position," said Stelly.

"People really believed in him."

As for Jenna Stelly and her campaigning days, the bubbly 22 year old would love to work on more.

"I was lucky. Our campaign was really clean," said Stelly.

"There was nothing negative or cutthroat about it. But I do know that stuff like that exists in politics."



Just as some women face employment difficulty in certain fields, so do some men.

At orientation in fall 2005, the freshmen were asked to share something, and the rest of

the group would guess if it was true or false. "My name's Kyle Lavergne, and I'm the first lead male dancer on the Ragin Jazz dance team."

The group received the news with hesitation.

When others found out, some responded, "We weren't really sure what it would be like to have a guy on the dance team."

Lavergne planned to graduate in 2009 in with his baccalaureate degree in advertising and minor in English. "I may do the Disney college program and graduate in spring 2010."

"For the longest time, I was just getting a degree so that I'm not a dumb dancer." Usually, he explained, people get dancing degrees in order to open up their own studio. "But I

don't want to do that. I want to dance."

Since he was about four years old, Lavergne had wanted to dance. To be in jazz at that age, he would have had to be in ballet. However, in sixth grade, he learned that the mother of a fellow tumbler owned her own studio. "And that's just how I got started."

And he hasn't stopped since. Lavergne is now in his third year on the dance team. "I made history before I even started college," he explained. Try-outs for the team were held prior to the start of new school year. While still in high school, Lavergne had already become the first – and three years later, still the only – male on the Ragin' Jazz dance team.

Though Lavergne didn't really live by a motto of sorts, he did advise his teammates to stay positive in small comments and witticisms. "I just come up with random little things that keep people positive and make people happy."



PARKING PROBLEMS stop ticketing my car!

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Parking is quite a problem on University of Louisiana at Lafayette's campus. Emily Bernard, a senior political science student, summed up her opinion of the parking issue: "Two words: it sucks."

Some local residents have taken advantage of their location, offering their yard as parking spots to interested students. Dave Langlinais, English-Anthropologist double-major, paid a couple \$150 a semester to park in their lawn, which was immediately next to campus. "It's impossible to not pay for parking without getting six or seven tickets."

Though Langlinais was not pleased with UL's ticking and towing policies, some students supported it. Graduate student Danielle St. Julien lived on campus, and though people sometimes illegal parked in the spots reserved for these students, she had no complaints. "Parking and Transit does a

really good job of tow-away."

However, the school officials were not ignoring the problem. Physical Plant director Bill Christ was overseeing the construction of a new parking garage. The construction work on St. Mary began in May 2007 and was completed in early 2008. John Halbert, general studies senior, appreciated the efforts. "The parking garage is a great idea. It's a step towards solving the problem." The garage was expected to be active at the start of the Fall 2008 semester.

But that did not help the Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 students. Rather, it was the bussing system from Cajun Field to the Conference Center that got most students to class. But even that was of marginal help, as the bus lines were often overwhelming. If students were not in line sometimes as much as forty-five minutes before class, they were late. Leah Wolford, junior graphic design major, was displeased with the system. "My tuition doesn't pay for me to be late everyday," she explained.



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Above: Students park at the Cajun Dome



Above: A student's car is towed from campus.





UL Pagent

the beauty of students

The beauty of students at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, both inside and out, is unquestioned and unparalleled. Several beautiful, talented, and involved young women of UL Lafayette competed in the spring of 2008 for the pageant title of Miss University of Louisiana 2008. They came from many different locales and backgrounds, all with a common thread of grace and poise to try their hand at the Miss University of Louisiana pageant.

The ceremony took place in the Student Union Ballroom on the evening of April 10, 2008. The mistress of ceremonies was KATC reporter Kate Mundy; she was assisted by the 2007 winner of the title, Natalie Camel. The two led the nine young women through the various aspects of the competition, including swimsuit, evening wear, and interview portions of the evening.



Above: Miss UL 2008 Left: Student competing in pagent

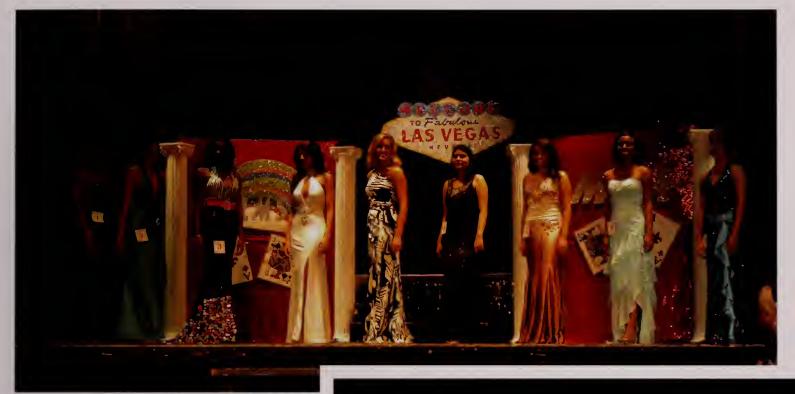


The beautiful young women took home a variety of prizes from the competition, including, for Miss University of Louisiana, a chance to compete in the Miss Louisiana 2008 pageant. The judges scored the young ladies on their pose, athleticism, and congeniality. One of the judges, Miss Lacey Lahay, said about the girls, "I was impressed by their poise."

"They all were incredibly supportive of UL Lafayette."

Each aspect of the pageant had a separate winner. The winner of the evening gown and swimsuit competitions were Marissa Champagne of New Iberia, Louisiana. Voted by the judges to be "Most Photogenic" was Jamie Reddy of Zachary, Louisiana. Miss Congeniality was voted Brittany Dubois of New Iberia, Louisiana.

At the end of the evening, Marissa Champagne, a twenty-one year old junior, was crowned Miss University of Louisiana. In regards to the experience of the Miss University of Louisiana pageant, she said, "It was an amazing experience. It still hasn't really sunk in yet!"







Above: Pagent group picture Left: Student competing in pagent Right: Dancer

Senior Art Show

a final display



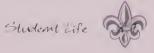
Paints drips slowly off of delicate brushes and fingers. Cameras flash, illuminating a final scene of every day life. Mouse buttons click and drag the last box into place. For at least four years, each art student sets up camp in Fletcher Hall for the endless hours of hard work and persistence. At the senior art show held each semester, graduating seniors in the department of visual arts get to professionally present their work for all of Acadiana and the world to see.

The Paul and Lulu Hilliard University Art Museum is open for a week at the end of each semester to display the various works of students. For many students, it is the first time their work is being displayed in such a medium.

For each student, the experience is something completely different. Some students are placing their works up in a museum for the first time, while others have had prior experience. The art displayed portrays a long path of learning and discipline. One thing is for certain though. The semester show is far from the last for students graduating from the University of Louisiana. It is only one of many more to come.



Left and Above: Seniors in Visual Arts display their pieces at the Paul and Lulu Hilliard Museum



Quidditch

Sports was a very important part of the college life, be it locally or nationally. However, never before did the University of Louisiana at Lafayette see a sport such as that which arose towards the end of the Spring 2008 semester – Quidditch.

J. K. Rowling's Harry Potter book series, which was also made into a movie series, is famous among both young and adult readers. And the wizards' sports game in the book caught the attention of local students. Composed of multiple positions and balls, Quidditch was far from a simple game. Additionally, there was the obvious adaptation of playing in the air to on the ground. However, after a few kinks were worked out, the game was quite playable and incredibly enjoyable.

Having a UL Quidditch team was first locally proposed by Robert Gatte, who got the idea from talking to his friend Dustin Harless, a member of the LSU Quidditch League. After finding out more about the game from Harless, Gatte "sort of started to spread the word over here at UL that I was trying to get this going." Upon catching wind of the plan, other students and Rowling fans began taking charge too -such as Candace LeJeaune, Jenna Smith, Lewis Duhon, and Angi Criddle, all of whom began posting fliers around campus.

But even non-fans could participate. Gatte, in fact, encouraged that people embrace the idea of "playing a sport for playing a sport, not for winning but to have fun." He added, "If it ever gets to a point that someone asks me, 'What is this from, anyway?' even though they are out in the pitch' with the rest of us, I will do a back flip of joy."

The UL team, however, is not that far yet. As of the end of the start of summer 2008, the Quidditch team was not an official campus group. "Hopefully that will change," Gatte said. The possible short term plans were to creation of an intramural league at UL, with the college having multiple teams of its own. However, UL did not want to stop there. Upon hearing

impossible sport takes form

that Sarah Catherine, founder of the LSU Quidditch League, hoped to set up a Louisiana Quidditch Cup, UL players got

And the excitement did not stop there. Watching a game was intense. In some colleges across the nation, the games got as rough as students throwing other students off of them. "It helps keep up the competitive spirit of the game," Gatte expressed. "I think that if you attempted to water the game down, it would take away from it."

But why? Why are so many students gathering with broomsticks between their legs and balls richoceting off their bodies? When asked, Gatte first quoted Alex Benepe, student of Middlebury College and author of The Intercollegiate Quidditch Rules and Guide Book: "Quidditch is something that makes people undeniably happy. The childlike freedom that comes with playing and watching it is something unprecedented. All to often in life sports are taken to seriously or not at all, instead replaced by sitting indoors and playing video games. Quidditch is more than just a game; it is an attempt to reclaim the fun that used to accompany sports."

Gatte added, "I mean, people sit in classrooms all day, reading about random things that happened 100 years ago, boring formulas that were discovered by boring men, poems that have little to nothing to do with the world around them all that so that they can have a better future for themselves and whatnot -- but I think that they forget to smile. Quidditch did that. All it took was a

broomstick."



The quidditch team shows off the new imaginative sport.

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"What is 'clear speech'?" asked Ben Rutter, a Ph.D. student, studying Communicative Disorders at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. When beginning his dissertation, Rutter wanted his studies to help answer that question. He focused his studies on dysarthria, a motor speech disorder that may occur from neurological injury. He hoped that his discoveries would improve speech therapy.

Though Rutter was born in Doncaster, U.K., his linguistic education began at the University of York in Yorkshire, the center of the area in which he was raised. Almost immediately after graduating in Linguistics with a focus on

Phonetics, he came to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette for his graduate degree.

However, linguistics was not his only passion. "I used to want to be a writer," he explained. Many different authors and styles of writing influenced him greatly as a child. He also expressed that he would not mind one day becoming a professor.

When not focusing on schooling, Ben also coaches soccer for girls ages 10 to 11. "It's good fun," he said. When he first moved here, he may have also been found "enjoying the local night life."

Lafayette was not only his first experience of America, but also of the entire Western Hemisphere. Prior to moving to America, Rutter had already travelled across most of Europe. However, he has now visited local places such as New Orleans and Baton Rouge, as well as traveling out to Texas, New York, and California.

He may stay in America once he finishes here. He is looking at jobs in Pennsylvania, Arizona, Connecticut, or North Carolina. He may also move back to the U.K..

Rutter explained that it was important for him to be "proactive rather than reactive" in all areas of his life. He also noted that doing a small favor for someone now could potentially come back to benefit you six months later. "You get out of life what you put into it," he concluded.



Ben Rutter

Carine Dorcéna is a tiny, sweet natured girl, familiar to many students that reside on campus as one of the desk workers that seem to be on duty all of the time. Her accent may seem difficult to place, when she asks for a student's identification to check them into a dorm; that is because Dorcéna is originally from the country of Haiti.

"My mother knew a lady at the American embassy in Haiti," said Dorcéna when asked about her



choice to come to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. "With this woman's advice, my older sister and I came here to UL Lafayette."

Dorcéna is currently working on her bachelor's degree to try for a double major in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering. "The workload is heavy, but I hope to be able to specialize in both fields," she said.

Being here has taught Dorcéna about how to adapt to a new environment. She has learned how to manage her time and handle the variety of responsibilities, balancing her work and difficult

classes with such hobbies as reading and playing the piano. She also spends a great deal of time with her friends, citing the community aspect as one of her favorite parts of UL Lafayette.

"It's amazing how I've become less and less shy," she said.

When asked to compare Cajun and Haitian cultures, Carine found them remarkably similar "The Cajun infatuation with the French language and the attachment to their French heritage is impressive. I'm glad to see that, since I speak French and Creole," she said.

Dorcéna had this advice to give to studnets: "Do everything with passion. Even if you are going through a hardship, with your studies for instance, take your time to do it."



Carine Dorcéna

Campus Clean-Up

students beautify campus

As campus has become a more high traffic area, certain amounts of pollution have become inevitable. Pieces of gum, old tests, and general litter started to run wild over the sidewalks and landscapes of the expanding campus. One group of students, however, decided to take matters into their own hands.

In early May, a group of dedicated students banded together to form a campus clean up committee. On their own time, each of these students, including a number of SGA members, walks the streets armed with gloves and trash bags to try and make a difference.

The crew worked literally all day, scooping up stuff that many just left to rot. Not only were they making campus beautiful, they were also helping the dedicated lawn care workers that strive so hard to keep things clear.





The clean up was obvious. Come Monday morning, many noticed the astounding difference. The sidewalks were free of any litter. The students were recognized in The Vermilion for their efforts and plans for another clean up day are in the works for next semester.

Other students have also taken the initiative to start cleaning up Girard Park, a local haunt for students, locals, and children. Similarly to the campus clean ups, students have been taking one Sunday a month to help Girard Park look a little cleaner, and leave a more sanitary environment for those to enjoy.

Over upcoming semesters, students are planning to extend the cleaning to Lafayette itself. Some are hitting the road on bicycles to pick up litter along the street. Other plans to keep focusing heavily on campus area, since so many students frequent the area. Whatever the case, campus clean up has become a new passion for those who attend UL Lafayette.



Left: Students work hard to clean campus. Below: Campus clean-up is no easy task!





Student Health Services

on-campus healthcare for students

The life of a college student is strenuous, busy, and unorganized. With three jobs, five tests in one week, and the sudden urge to go on an alcohol binge, a student's health can be at serious risk for illness. However, after buying books for school and paying off bills, while trying to keep one's party fund gloriously fat, health issues are often pushed to the side.

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette can offers a solution to the ill student with the Student Health Services Center. The center operates during school hours, so if a student has a break between classes, appointments can be scheduled. The Health Services Center at UL Lafayette treats minor illness and injuries. However, serious illness or injury may be referred to a specialist.





The Health Services Center also performs minor surgeries such as nail removal, wart treatment or removal, mole removal and abscess or cyst evacuation. General physicals are another service provided.

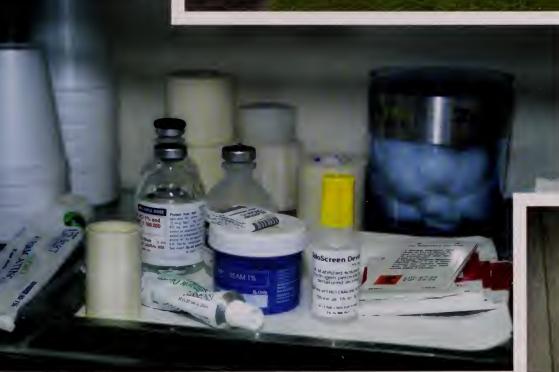
Many students take advantage of the immunizations provided such as: Tetanus, Hepatitis A, B and a combination of the two (Twinrix), Flu, and Meningitis.

For the ladies, women's health is a service offered, providing evaluation and treatment of female related problem through examination, pap smears and breast exams

Prescriptions at the Health Services Center are prescribed by a SHS practitioner and may be filled at the small in-house pharmacy. The prescriptions are affordable and convenient. The practitioners' prescriptions may be filled at any pharmacy.

"I found that going there was better than going to a regular doctor," said health information management major, Shanna Shinn, 23. "The people were nice, and I could explain things easier. I felt very comfortable."









Student Life To

The life started your first day. You walked nervously through the quad for the first time, fidgeting with your schedule and campus map hoping no one would notice. You sat in a frigid classroom with sweat rolling down your back, scanning the room for people you thought looked as petrified as you felt.

In time, you became acquainted. You met friends who changed you, took that road trip you talked about in high school, gained and lost weight, drank one too many Red Bulls, struggled through those classes you knew you'd never need again, and lived a four year life that you'll never forget.

Before you know it, you're standing at the back of the bookstore picking up your cap and gown. You look at it mystified. Where did the time go? You're excited, nervous, and mystified.

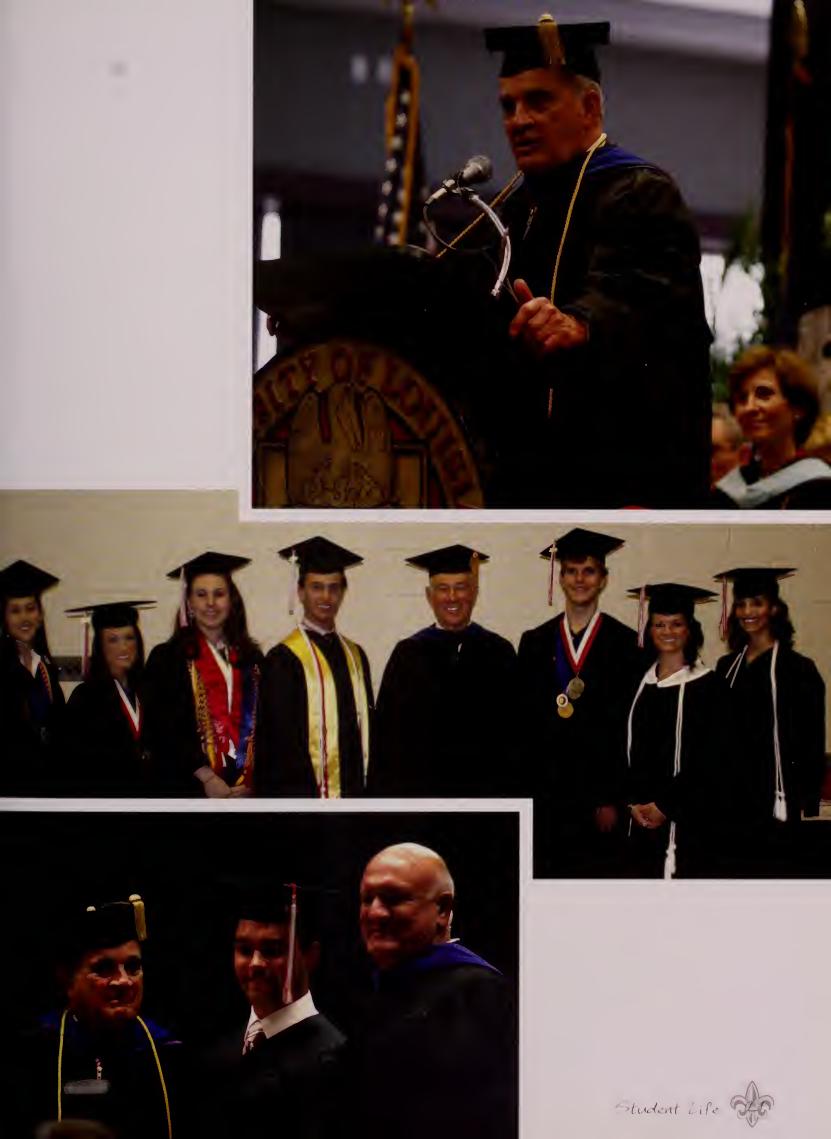
The gown is thrown in the trunk of your car until you grab it the night before you walk. You sleep fitfully, and then the next morning you pull it on. It feels slightly itchy, and it makes you feel all the more nervous. You step in Cajun Field for the last time as a student, line up with everyone else, and look around at everyone there. You've completed your goal. The dean of the college gives you a piece of paper that tells you where to retrieve your diploma. As you grasp the wooden plaque for the first time, the realization becomes clear.

You are now an official Ragin' Cajun graduate.

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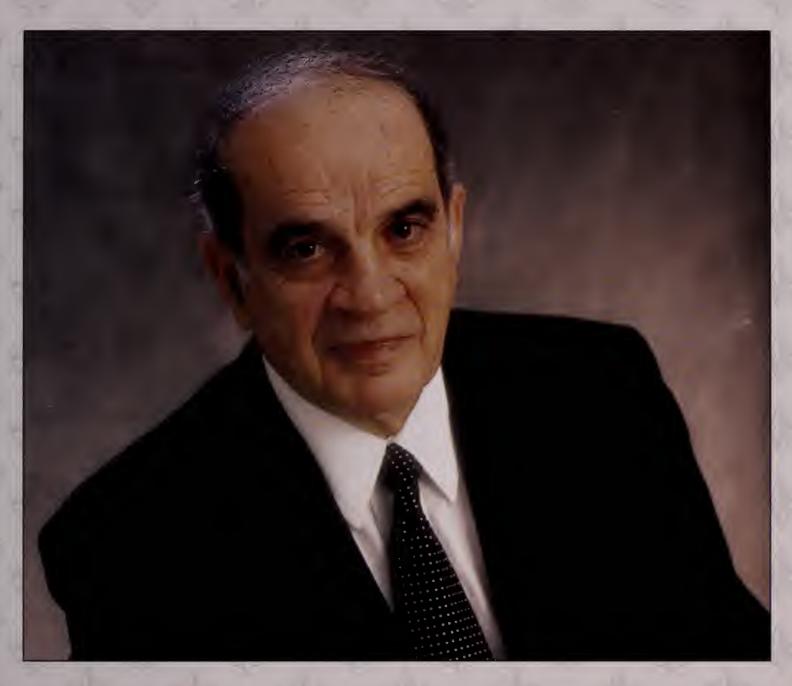
The eager graduates waits in line for their hard



Dr. Ray D. Authement



University of Louisiana at Lafayette President 1974-2008



"Unselfish and noble actions are the most radiant pages in the biography of souls." ~David Thomas

We send a heartfelt thanks, it was an honor to be led by you. Thank you for your service, leadership, sacrifice and dedication.

~Your extended Ragin' Cajun family

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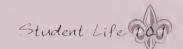




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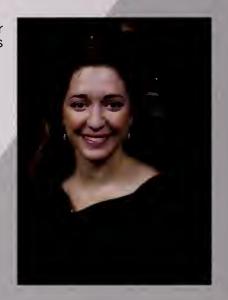
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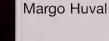
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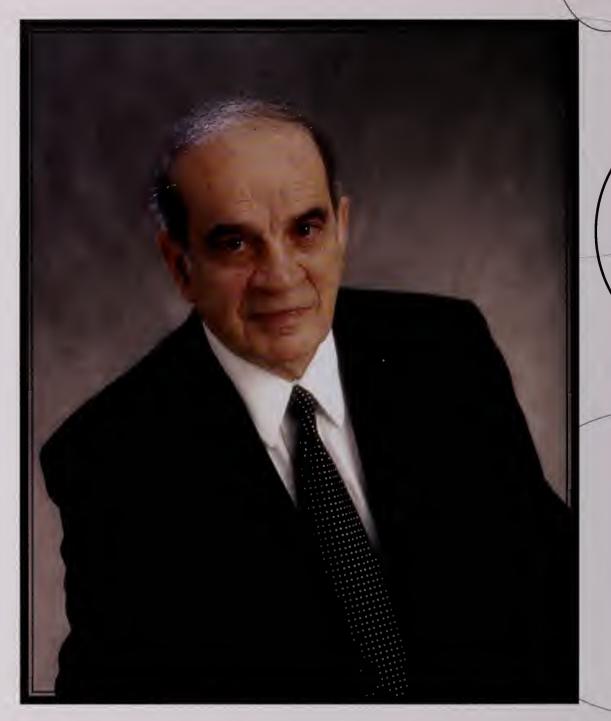


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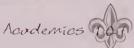
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CHANGEOVER

In the recent years, the University of Louisiana at Lafayette has seen a lot of reconstructions and advancements, especially of its buildings and facilities. However, the most notable change of the 2007-2008 school year occurred on May 4, 2007: UL President Ray Authement, Ph.D. announced his retirement.

"I've been here for 33 years as president, and I thought maybe it was time for someone else, some younger person, to take over," he explained.

Authement was the longest serving president of a public university in the United States. It began in 1973 when he became the interim president of what was then the University of Southwestern Louisiana. On June 30 of the next year, he officially succeeded the fourth president, Dr. Clyde Rougeou.

Prior to his presidency, Authement received his bachelor degree from USL in 1950, his masters from Louisiana State University in 1952, and his doctorate from LSU in 1956. He was also taught math at UL and was the vice president for six years.

But his achievements should not suggest that school was simple for Authement. He was first generation college student, able to attend only because of the sacrifices his siblings made by staying home at work.

As such, at the Alumni Association of UL Lafayette's 2008 Spring Gala, the association honored Authement and his wife Barbara, as well as donated \$10,000 to the newly established Dr. Ray Authement Scholarship, which would be available for all first generation students.

Other wonders have been created on account of Authement's 33 years of service to UL. Most notably, he won a 20-year battle to change the name from USL to UL, which gave more fame to the university and its aims and probably assisted in its becoming the second largest university in Louisiana. He implemented academic admissions standards and instituted selectivity in the admissions process.

UL Lafayette became the first Doctoral II university of Louisiana, of which there were still only three by Spring 2008. The university also always competed in the NCAA Division I, which is the highest level of collegiate competition. the old guard welcomes the new auard

The Carnegie Foundation titled UL as a "Research University with High Research Activity," thus placing it in the same research category as Auburn and Baylor universities. "We decided early in the game to move the university into a research emphasis, and we've accomplished that," Authement explained. "We are well-known for our research, and obviously our research has helped the economy of Lafayette. We've done this in a attempt to move the university forward; but at the same time, we've created jobs in the area."

Academics De

In fact, during the local economy's several crises on account of state revenue problems and the oil bust, UL's pledged and gifted assets increased from approximately \$500,000 to over \$150 million.

But it seems the things the students most directly appreciated were all the building and facility renovations and additions that UL Lafayette has seen over the years. Authement created the 143-acre University Research Park, which hosts Louisiana Immersive Technologies, over 15 national research centers, and a hotel. Under his presidency, UL had over 30 new buildings, including the Louisiana Productivity Center and the Institute of Cognitive Science. He also renovated or expanded more than 25 buildings.

Steve Landry, Ph.D., vice president of UL Lafayette's Academic Affairs, said that Authement "had a dream about what the university could become." He added that "the research park across the street is an immediate standing testament to his vision, perseverance, and wisdom."

The university has long since been a part of Authements life, as his home was on campus, very near the presidents office in Martin Hall. "I'm going to do a little traveling," Authement admitted, "but primarily I'm going to start raising funds for the university. I'll start spending my time with people who have the wealth to share with the university."

But after Authement left, who was to take his place?

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System spent seven months searching the nation for someone who could step up next in line. In January 2008, they selected Joseph Savoie, Ph.D., a UL alum-

nus. As a student, he lived in McCollough and Voohries dorms. "They blew them both up, which is probably good, because they got rid of all the evidence," Savoie joked. He was also a member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity, whose old house was across the street from Maxim Doucet and was also blown up.

Savoie worked with Authement for 17 years in a variety of positions, including vice president for university advancement, executive director of the Alumni Association, Student Government adviser, and program director for Union Program Council. And since 1996, Savoie has been the Commissioner of Higher Education at the Louisiana Board of Regents.

"He's so effective as a lobbyist with the legislature," Authement said of Savoie. "He doesn't let them get angry. He can always think of something to make them laugh."

"I know that the campus community has the same aspirations for UL that I have," said Landry, who was also a candidate for presidency, "and I feel confident that we will all join forces to achieve those goals, as we have done during the past years under Dr. Authement's leadership."

Authement himself commented, "I have great respect for Steve, and I understand that he is going to stay on with Dr. Savoie – so that is a good situation."

Authement is also generally optimistic about Savoie taking the position. The former is very aware that he has obtained several financial habits and skills over the years, on account of the oil bust. He realizes that Savoie may be able to take advantage of being bale to change these things.

Savoie said that Authe-

ment "built a very solid university – academically strong, financially stable." He added, "I think the job is to build on that and take the university to the next level."

One of the ways Savoie planed to achieve this is by administering surveys to students, faculty, and other community members. He intended on using the collected information to figure out what areas of the university should receive additional attention. He hoped that, by the start of his presidency, he will already have had a plan that he could instate.

"That's what we're all about," Savoie explained, "moving forward and making progress. We want to hit the ground running. When the transition occurs, we want to be ready."

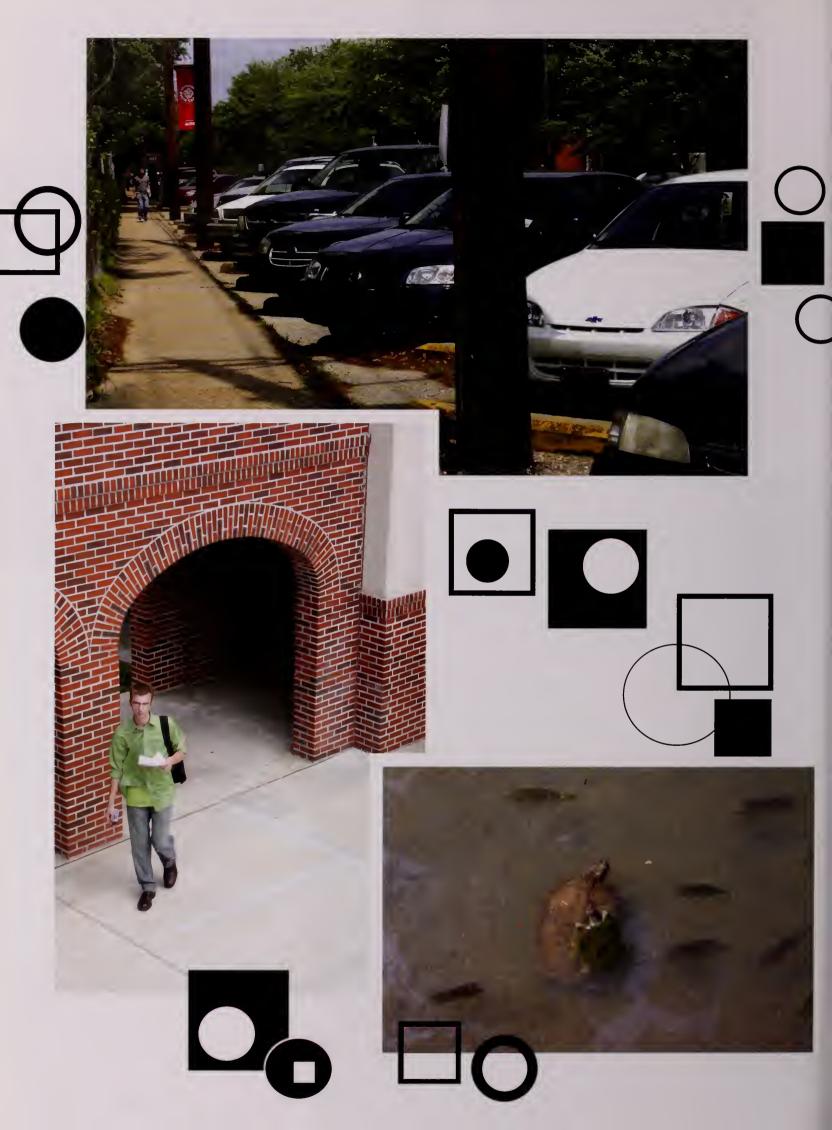
He began to prepare on April 16, 2008, when he held a meeting with six small committees, composed of faculty and students. He also sent a letter to local business leaders in hopes that he could "receive further input, advice, and recommendations from those who are committed to the university's progress."

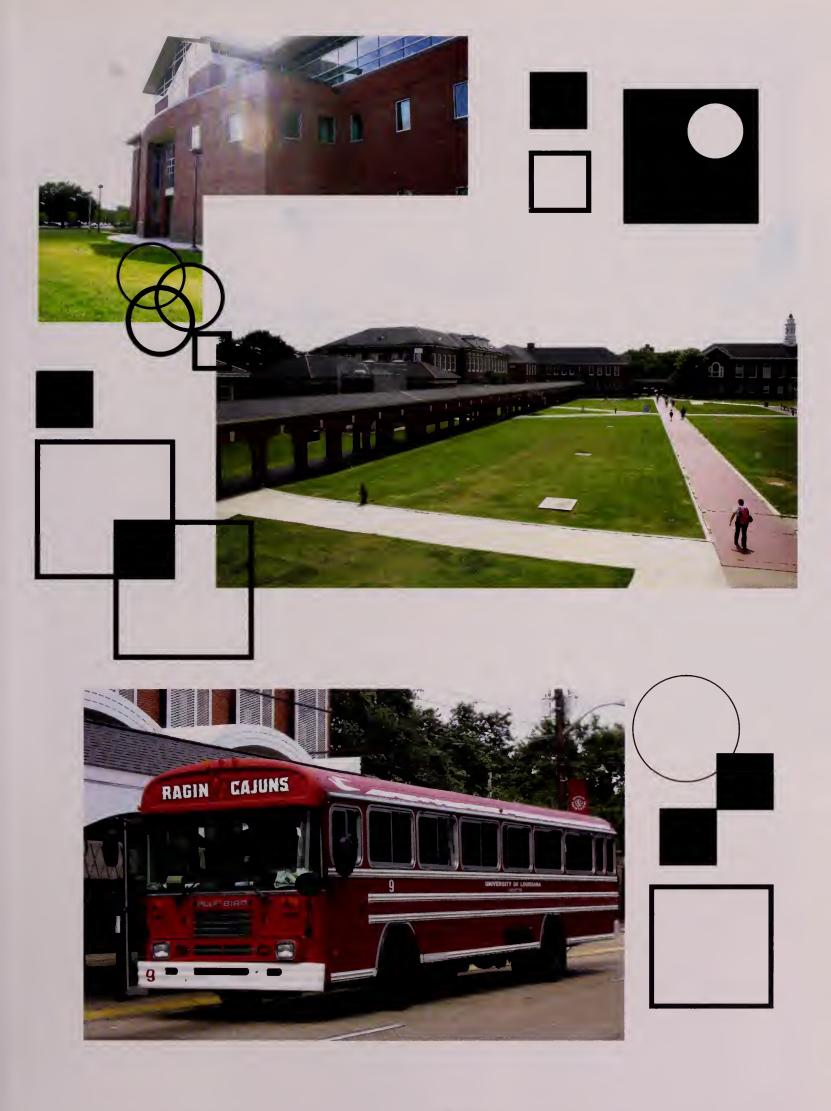
When asked in an interview with The Vermillion what Savoie saw to be the future of UL, he answered, "I don't think its appropriate for me to impose my own personal vision of the institution. I think it's better through the process of engaging everyone in the university. There's a strategic process of vision thinking, if you will, and trying to bring people together for a common vision of what we will become, and the presidents job is to manage that process and make sure we get there."





Dr. Savoie around his new "office".





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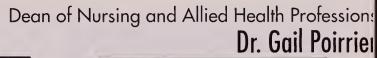


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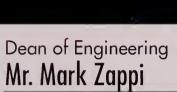
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Name: Joseph "Joey" V. Pons IV

How long have you been at ULL?: I was hired July 1, 1989 as a Laboratory Technician in the College of Engineering. I accepted my current position, Environmental Health and Safety Director, July 1, 2000.

What's your specialty?: Professionally, I serve the University in emergency planning and response, risk management, and occupational safety. Personally, I enjoy chasing redfish/speckled trout, and play a decent game of Boure'.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The think that differs with college education is the students are there because they want to be. For the most part, college students are happy and excited about their future. That excitement is contagious - it's a pleasure to work in this environment. Every day is new challenge - I never get to the office and wonder "Gee - wonder what I'm going to do today?".

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?:

Don't get too far into debt - make good financial choices, learn about and get involved in extracurricular activities - those on and off campus and take your technical writing and speaking presentations seriously. No matter what you choose to do, honing these skills will pay big dividends.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?:

The whole is much greater than the sum of its parts. Good simple communication is the glue that holds everything together. When resolving conflicts, if you ask people for their opinion or solution, they tend to take ownership in the problem and work harder toward a resolution.







Name: Don Smith
How long with parking and transit?:
I've been with parking and transit for six years and five months.

What is your specialty?:

Issue tickets and to make sure parking situation is in an orderly manner. It's important to make sure that parking is good so that it's easy for traffic around the university.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette:

My favorite thing would be the students and the events, concerts, and the classes because it has a nice college feel to it—but of course it's also because of Lafayette.

Coolest place you've ever traveled:

San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf; the steamed crabs are something to die for.

Favorite meal ever: Rice and gravy and chicken—I hate to say that but I've always loved it.

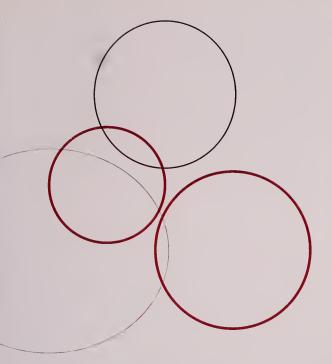
If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Don't take the signs for granted!

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: If you're not careful, life can leave you very quickly.

What's the last song you listened to:

"The Lion Sleeps Tonight"—the song from The Lion King.







Name: Shelly Vasseur Constantin.

How long have you been an administrative assistant?: Six years.

What's your specialty?: Assisting the Vice President for Student Affairs, the Student Affairs Deans, and students.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: "Ragin' Cajun Pride and the friendly, caring atmosphere."

Coolest place you've ever traveled: "The beach -- it's so relaxing!"

Favorite meal ever: Fettuccini.

Best book: Cecelia Ahern's PS, I Love You.

If you had to give any college students any advice, what would it be?: "One, don't be afraid to ask for help. And two, make the absolute best of your college years so you have no regrets!"

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: "I have learned many working in the Dean of Students Office."





Name: Mary Corine Gothe

What is your specialty?: Being friendly. I'm the cashier at Sidelines; I ënjoy talking to the students and hoping everyone has

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: I enjoy working with the students; they're all so pleasant! Everybody's nice to me.

Coolest place you've ever travelled: San Fransisco, California. I go there almost every year.

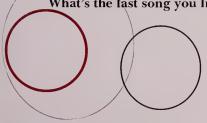
Favorite meal ever: Sodexo Fried Chicken!

Favorite book: I like to read the columns in The Daily Advertiser.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Continue school and try to graduate. Don't ever think-it's too hard.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: How to work a computer!

What's the last song you listened to?: "I See You Everywhere I Go" by the Temptations.









Arts







How long have you been a professor: One year.



What's your specialty: Photography and Digital Imaging.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The university seems to be very student oriented.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: The Netherlands.

Favorite meal ever: Casoullet at Petite

Pere in Paris.

Best book: Papa Hemmingway by A. E.

Hotchner.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be:

Do what you love and take the opportunity to learn very seriously.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned: That the journey is the best part.

What was the last song you listened to: "Rats" by Pearl Jam



Peter D. Falcone. Theatre

"I pursue Performing Arts, because I want to work in the field that I also enjoy. For me, Theatre is not an ego trip, a means of logging attention, or a medium for personal catharsis. I want to experience stories and reflect them as I understand them by taking-on roles."

"Being a visual arts major allows you to express yourself aesthetically, and is autobiographical in ways that something can be said about the way an artist uses line and motion to convey a message or feeling."



Nick Segura, Visual Arts





Brian Kelly

How long have you been a professor: 9 years

What's your specialty:

Printmaking and drawing

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette:

The University's attention to developing and maintaining a student centered learning environment.

Coolest place you've ever traveled:

There are 2 places: at 12,481' at the top of Kachina Peak in Taos New Mexico and at 11,000' dropping into 3 feet of freash powder in Devils Castle at Alta Utah.

Favorite meal ever:

A "Big Pete" hamburger, plain, well done, with regular fries, and a root beer at Petes Restaurant on Johnston.

Best book:

There are 2: "The Agony and the Ecstasy" and the "Tamarind Book of Lithography"



Rachel Paul, Fashion Design

"Fashion Design gives me the freedom to be creative and explore my imagination without boundaries. Fashion represents everything that has been, everything that is and everything that will be. The design aspect lets me discover who I am and everything I love and prepare to bring all of it to the forefront of the world, my audience."

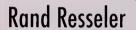




Alden Chatham, Music Media



Business







How long have you been a professor?:

I've been here fourteen years. [...] I came in the fall of '93.

What's your speciality: Applied micro-economics. Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The students. It's a diverse bunch, in terms of culture. And they're very friendly.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: Probably out west – Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Yosemite. Favorite meal ever: Well, [in the spring], nothing beats boiling crawfish.

Best book: As trite as it might sound: To Kill a Mockingbird. There are so many truism in that book in terms of moral and ethical obligations that was all have. And the way that Harper Lee is

able to present that through the eyes of a child is unique.

If you had to give any college students any advice, what would it be?: If students try studying twenty minutes every day for each class, they'd be amazed at what happens to their grades.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: Implausible as it may sound at times, people do respond to incentives in ways that you never would have imagined.

What was the last song you listened to?: "Well Thought Out Twinkles" by the Silversun Pickups.



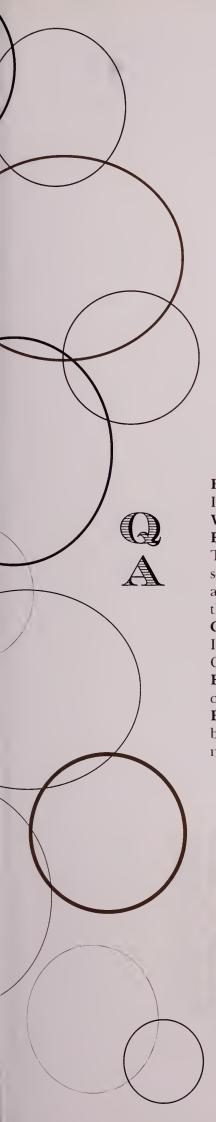
Danielle Edgar Management Information Systems

"I define my major as a half way point between business management and information technology. In MIS we take courses involving everything from Management, Marketing, Finance, and Accounting to Industrial Technology and Computer Science. I feel my major is vital to the rapid growth of business' innovative technology needs concerning everything from basic networking to database structure and design."

"It's a wonderful field because I can talk to all sorts of different people. I get to travel the world, and I can do pretty much anything I want to because Hospitality is needed everywhere. It's so exciting to hear about people's backgrounds and lifestyles."



Amanda Arceneaux Hospitality Management





Brooke Hamilton

How long have you been a professor?: I've been here since 1991.

What's your specialty: Professional Ethics. Favorite thing about UL Lafayette:

That's a hard one! I like the fact that the school really cares about teaching as well as research. I think that's one of the things that draws students here, too.

Coolest place you've ever traveled:

It's hard to decide between Florence, Italy, Greece, and the Pacific Northwest.

Favorite meal ever: Wonderful vegetarian curry – I like green curries.

Best book: I love Christopher Moore's books and the series of books about the number one lady's detective agency in

Botswana... Also, Plato's Republic. If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?:

You need to work on emotional intelligence as well as intellectual intelligence. Be aware of yourself and how you affect others; that's really important.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: "It's really important to know what you don't know as well as what you know." - Socrates

What was the last song you listened to?: Randy Newman's "Louisiana".



Ben Serrette Business Systems Analysis and Technology

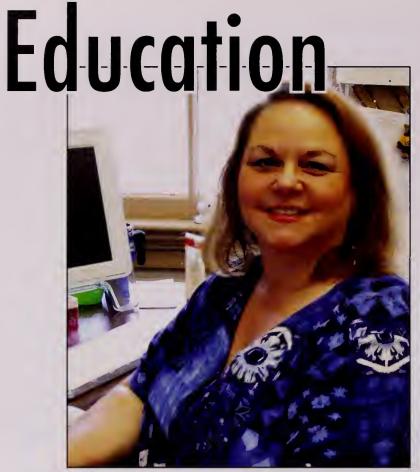
"It's okay. It's like computer science without the math. They like to say BSAT majors are just "Comp Sci drop outs", but we'll see who's laughing when we're their bosses."

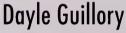




Alexandra Foti Management









How long have you been an instructor: Since August 2003.

What is your specialty: Technology integration in the classroom curriculum Coolest place you've ever traveled: It's hard to choose. I loved all eight countries I visited in Europe: England, France, Belgium, Germany, The Netherlands, Sweden, Norway and Italy. They each had their own unique appeal and I'd love to go back to all of them someday. Then there are the Bahamas, Virgin Islands and Mexico that were fun each time I visited. I love learning about people and their culture and I've had a blast in each

Favorite book: The Gift by Julie

"It means the world to me to be able

generations."

to pass the gift of

music down to future



Tyler Richard Music Education.

"UL's education program is really great - the teachers within the program are really knowledgable. People know what they're talking about. It's a wonderful department

to be in."



Brielle Theriot Education

was reading through tears. If you had to give college students any

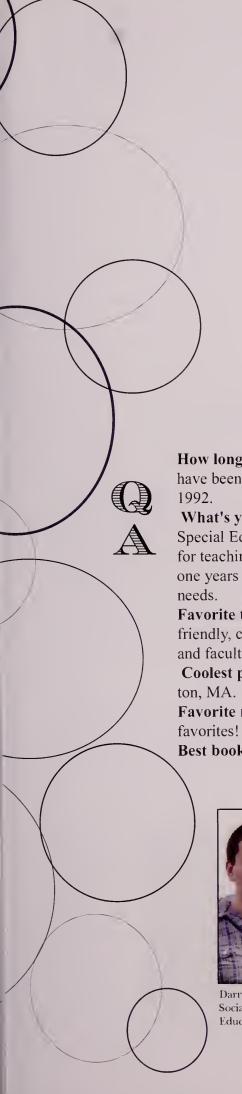
Garwood. I laughed out loud in many

parts. Sometimes I laughed so hard I

advice, what would it be: Manage your time wisely to alleviate the buildup of stress, and review your class syllabus/ calendar the night before every class.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned: When you look at all the biological events that must happen in the perfect sequence for a healthy child to be born, truly proves every child is a miracle of God.

What was the last song you listened to: "Crazÿ by Gnarles Barkley





Donna Wadsworth

How long have you been a professor: I have been teaching at UL Lafayette since 1992.

What's your specialty:

Special Education. I prepare future teachers for teaching students from birth to twenty-one years old with exceptional learning needs.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The friendly, caring attitude of students, staff, and faculty.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: Boston, MA.

Favorite meal ever: Sorry, I don't have

Best book: Amish Grace by Donald Kray-

bill and others.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be: Develop self-discipline early so that you can pursue every opportunity you have to learn and never stop trying to learn more.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned: Through my experiences in working with children with exceptional learning needs, I have learned how special it is to accomplish even the smallest things, like taking one step or communicating what you want

What was the last song you listened to: "The Itsy Bitsy Spider."

"To me it's just a great feeling, knowing I'll be helping kids learn and helping them shape their the lives."



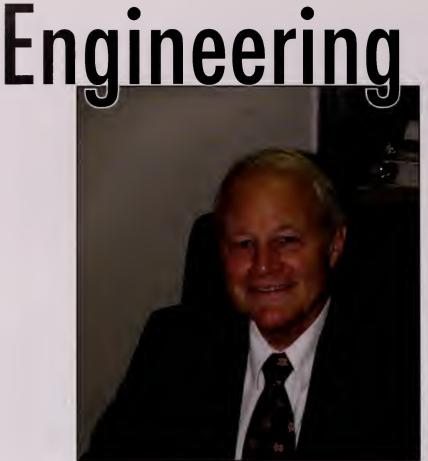
Darrel Michaud Social Studies Education

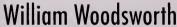
"Being an education major was a little about learning how to teach and learning a little about how to get the students to learn. On the one half, there are theories and methods; there's a completely different half that's about how to get the children to want to learn."



Mark Palombo Education











How long have you been a professor?: I have been a professor of Mechanical Engineering for 18 year (six at Lamar, and 12 here at ULL). What is your specialty?: The design and development of aerospace systems, especially electrical power and thermal systems. Specialty areas include heat transfer, thermodynamics and fluids, and system design and optimization.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: My favorite things about UL Lafayette are my engineering students...they are intelligent, vibrant, and hardworking.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: The coolest place I've ever traveled is China – when I climbed the Great Wall.

Favorite book: My favorite book(s) are those of James Michener, particularly The Source.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: DECIDE what you want to do, then get FOCUSED on it and barrel right through it. Your college time is short...make good use of it!

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: The neatest thing I've ever learned is the Second Law of Thermodynamics, and in particular, how it describes the prior and continuing work of a Creator, Who alone determines our future destiny and that of the universe.

What's the last song you listened to?: "Honky Tonk," by Bill Doggett (I had a rhythm and blues band when I was in high school (I played piano), and this instrumental was our favorite song.).



William Cenac, Civil Engineering

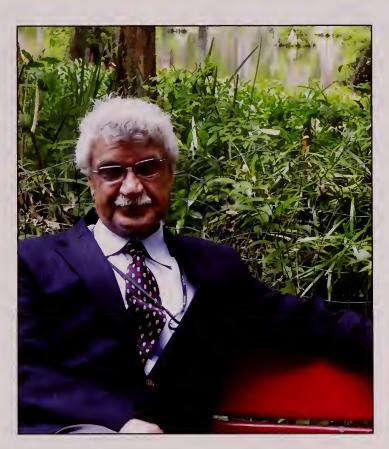
"It's like... the song that never ends, it goes on and on my friend, we just started singing it not knowing what it was, and we'll continue singing it forever just because... That defines Civil Engineering at UL."

"Well, I'm a pretty simple guy, I'd call it interesting."



Jonathon Boone, Electrical Engineering





Asadollah Hayatdavoudi

How long have you been working here?: Since 1980.

What is your specialty?: Petroleum engineering.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The people! They're very friendly.

Coolest place you've ever travelled: Plymouth Rock. I got to see where the Boston Tea Party happened. The rebel in me appreciated it!

Favorite meal ever: Chello-kabob.
Favorite book: All the works of William
Faulkner. I've translated some of his short

stories into Farsi, and I've lived the life "As I Lay Dying". I also enjoy the works of Langston Hughs, André

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Be yourself! When you get to a higher level, don't practise... Kiss up, kick down!

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: Mathematics and poetry.
What's the last song you listened to?: Lots of Mozart. I'm a classics kind of guy!



Kelly Guilberteau, Mechanical Engineering

"It means never having to use correct spelling again." "Engineering is the basis of building. It will help me support my family."



William Depa, Computer Engineering



Graduate_Students



Casey D. Albritton





Name: Casey D. Albritton

How long have you been working here?: I'm a year into working on my masters in Experimental Psychology.

What's your specialty?: I have a few specialties that have carried over from my undergraduate

years, including different facets of serial murder and domestic terrorism. I have strong influences in

the field of criminal justice, and this has influenced my graduate work. My masters thesis focuses on

sexually deviant forms of behavior and what impact these behaviors have on clinical and social

treatment of people who engage in these behaviors.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: I love the atmosphere of the University.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: San Francisco, CA

Favorite meal ever: Home made matzo ball soup **Best book:** Gulag Archipelago, Vol 1-3

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Don't let the distractions of life get in the way of your success.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: The complexity of hormonal behavior

What was the last song you listened to?: Hush by Deep Purple



Geoffrey B. Elliot

"... graduate school has also introduced me to some of the finest people I have ever had the pleasure to meet and to work with."

"Graduate school is the ultimate form of torture producing good results!"



Danielle Broussard



Jill Douglass

Name: Jill Douglass

How long have you been working

here?: I am finishing my first year of the PhD program in Applied Language and Speech Sciences.

What's your specialty?: Stuttering, specifically (as of right now) the impact of stuttering on relationships.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The welcoming professors and overall hospitality

Coolest place you've ever traveled: Boquette, Panama.

Favorite meal ever: Every meal I eat at my best friend's Grandmother's house. She is straight from Sicily.

Best book: Thought and Language by Ley Vygotsky If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Have fun, but don't forget who you are and stick to your gut instinct. Lastly, keep up your GPA because it is really hard to get those numbers back up!

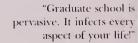
What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: The neatest thing EVER!? That is pretty tough. The neatest thing I have learned is that my family is resilient and can survive the most insane of situations. I know this now with the help of a hurricane named Katrina.

What was the last song you listened to?: "Mr. Jones" by the Counting Crows was just on the radio. I sang along.



Jill Willis

"Counselor education is the certification that I needed to do what my hearts desire has always been: give people different options for how to live their life after unsuccessfully exhausting their known options. I think it's a great program for those that listen to others and have others seeking advice from them."



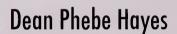


Amanda DeBland



General Studies







How long have you been a professor?:

I have been a professor since 1986 (22 years) and I have been an academic dean since 1998 (10 years).

What is your specialty?:

My Ph.D. is in Communicative Disorders with a research focus in language development/disorders.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette:

My favorite thing about UL is what has kept me tied to the place: it's the people. I truly love our students, the professors, staff and administrators. If I were not working here at UL, I would probably not be employed in higher education. UL Lafayette is the only university I have any desire to work.

Coolest place you've ever traveled:

I'm still waiting to get there!

Favorite meal ever:

Okra & seafood gumbo (with crab & fresh shrimp).

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?:

That education is a process and not a race. Sometimes in their haste to graduate "as soon as possible," students overload themselves and their grades suffer.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?:

That it's okay to take risks.

What's the last song you listened to? I heard a version of "Will the Circle be Unbroken" by Terrance Semien on a local zydeco radio program. It was so beautiful that tears came to my eyes.



Chantel Larpenteur
Arts and Humanities
concentration

"It means that I have the freedom to take classes I enjoy and still be able to graduate. It helped me to become a well-rounded person!"

"It's well-rounded! It means I'm not just restricting myself to one form of academia."



Elise Peltier Behavioural Science concentration



Sue Ann Ozbirn

How long have you been a professor?: I am the Director of Student Service for the College of General Studies. Advising is one of my many administrative responsibilities. I also sit on the Committee for Academic Affairs and Standards along with several other committees and subcommittees.

What is your specialty?: I graduated from Mississippi State with a Bachelor of Science in Educational Psychology and a Master of Education in School Psychology.

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The people, hands down. I love working with my students, my colleagues, parents, alumni, everyone. The people are the best thing about Acadiana.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: I enjoy

visiting the mountains.

Favorite meal ever?: Fried butterfly shrimp. **Favorite book?:** A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Take the most advanced math and science classes for which you are eligible in high school. Treat your college work just like you would any other job. Devote four to eight hours daily to your studies and you will excel.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: How to use a PC. (I'm older than you think.)

What's the last song you listened to?: "Good Riddance" by Green Day



John Halbert Humanities concentration

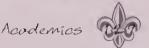
choose my own curriculum. The specific courses you take have to fall under your concentration, but it meant I got to take the courses I like."

"I learned a lot of interesting things while in General Studies. While I may not end up using every last thing they taught,

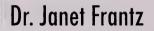
I found it all highly enjoyable to learn."



Sterling Birdwell
Applied Science
concentration











What's your speciality?:

I am a political scientist with a specialization in public policy. My research interest is leprosy policy. I came to that topic because Louisiana hosted the national leprosarium in Carville. I have worked during the past few years with a scholar from the University of Japan who is also interested in leprosy policy."

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: Without a doubt: the students. I never cease to be amazed by them.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: This one may surprise you – Lativia. I have a son-in-law whose grandparents fled that small country when the Soviets occupied it after World War II. It is a beautiful country trying to pull itself out of a troubled and oppressive past.

Favorite meal ever:

The vegetable kebob at Zeuss. I have had fancier food, but this dish is hard to forget. If you had to give any college students any advice, what would it be?:

Live your life. Don't let it just happen to you. What was the last song you listened to?: Patsy Cline or Louis Armstrong.



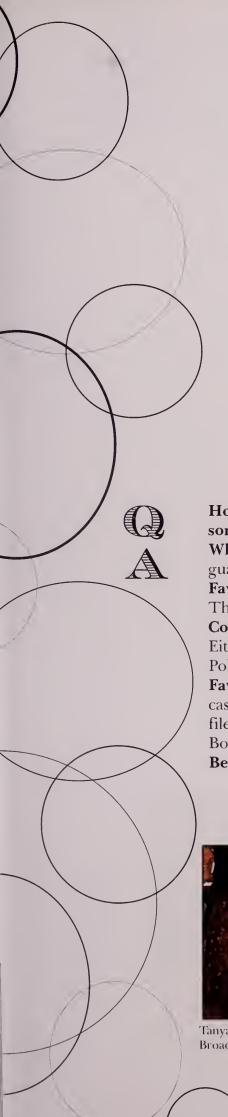
Claire Dronet English

"The expansion of the English language is extrordinary and its story reaches back since 1050 CE. To me, English is more that what is spoken, it is art with an amazing adventures in its origin. To study English is to be a part of the tale of the ever-evolving, most widely spoken language in the world."

"A journalist is a public servant who serves as mediator and translator between citizens and society. Reporting only truth, journalists strive to make news comprehensive, interesting and objective. A reporter may learn something new everyday, but a journalist will make others learn someting new everyday."



Derek Albert, Journalism





John A. Tetnowski

How long have you been a professor?: Nine years.

What's your specialty?: Speech-language pathology (stuttering).

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The swamp!

Coolest place you've ever traveled: Either Bergen, Norway or Krakow, Poland.

Favorite meal ever: Dinner at Picasso in Las Vegas: duck foie gras, filet, truffle potatoes, and a 1986 Bordeaux wine.

Best book: The Anatomy of Hope

by Jerome Groopman, M.D.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be?: Get good grades early so you can choose what you want to be.

What's the neatest thing you've ever learned?: That most people have the ability to heal themselves.

What was the last song you listened to?: "Rain" by the Beatles



Tanya Aniece Ardoin Broadcasting

"Majoring in Broadcasting means I get to interact with the public and deliver information to the public. I love being the one who knowsit-all and tells-it-all at the same time!" "My major to me represents the passion for learning about my roots. The most important thing that I have learned while in liberal arts is in order to truly enjoy life you must remember your past, embrace the present and anticipate the future... this is my motto for a fulfilled life."



Brandon Lewis History Pre-Law





Carl Richter





How long have you been a professor: Six years. What's your specialty: I'm a geo-physicist. Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: Not the football team...

Coolest place you've ever traveled: I've been to a lot of neat places... Literally, though, the Antarctic Shelf!

Favorite meal ever: It's probably barbeque ribs. What's the neatest thing you've ever learned? I'm still learning a lot of neat things. I think I would have to say the formation banded and iron formations.



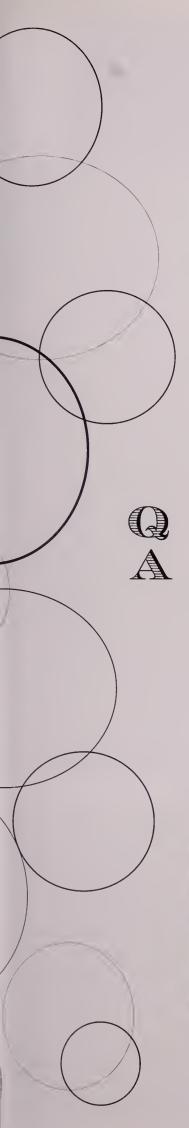
Erin Guilbeaux, Biology

"My major is biology, a subject which greatly interests me because it is involved in all aspects of life. My major will supply me with everything I need to know when beginning my career. The career options are wide in the medical field."

"My major means alot to me. I want to do something that I am good at and Computer Science is it. I am a firm believer that in order to do your best at a job, you have to enjoy it."



Garrett Lewis, Computer Science





Sherry Krayesky

How long have you been a professor: 6

What is your specialty: Physiology/cell biology

Favorite thing about UL Lafayette: The people are very friendly. I really like Cypress Lake too.

Coolest place you've ever traveled: Washington State was very nice. I climbed a mountain with an old growth forest, then I visited Mount St. Helen. Wow! It really gives you a new perspective on the power of nature.

Favorite meal ever: I like almost everything, but not peas.

Favorite book: I enjoy a good mystery.

If you had to give college students any advice, what would it be: Work hard from the very start. Once there are bad grades on the transcript, it is hard to recover. Be honest with yourself about what you like and don't like, and study what you like. Have a good back-up plan. If things don't work out in the fashion you originally planned, what will you do? Students should be able to answer that question. What's the neatest thing you've ever **learned:** The characteristics of a cell. What's the last song you listened to: It was a song by George Strait. I like



"We're the ones that make everything do everything. We sit in front of a screen writing incomprehensible code that more or less makes everything

Erik Birdwell, Computer-Cognitive Science

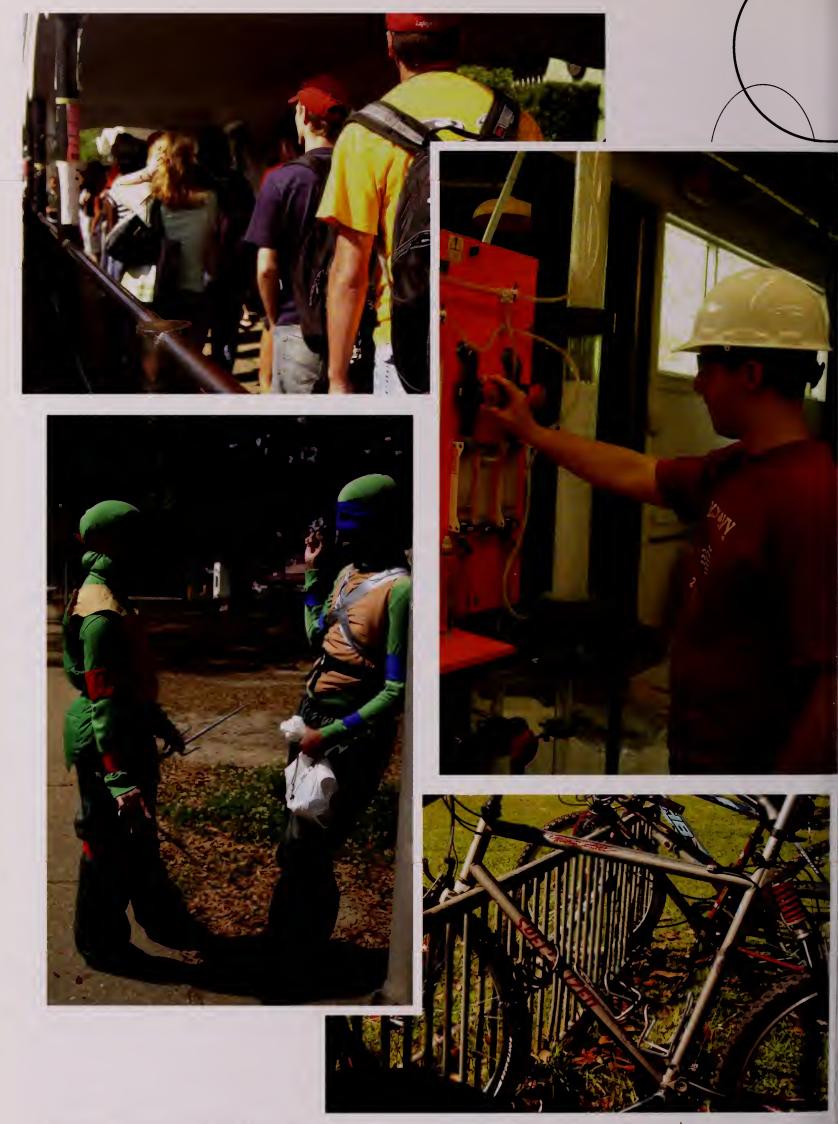
"Physics is about furthering our understanding of the universe through careful observation and creative thought. From the very smallest components within the atoms we are made of to the galaxies scattered throughout the vastness of space. "

his music.



Paul Giovinazzo, **Physics**

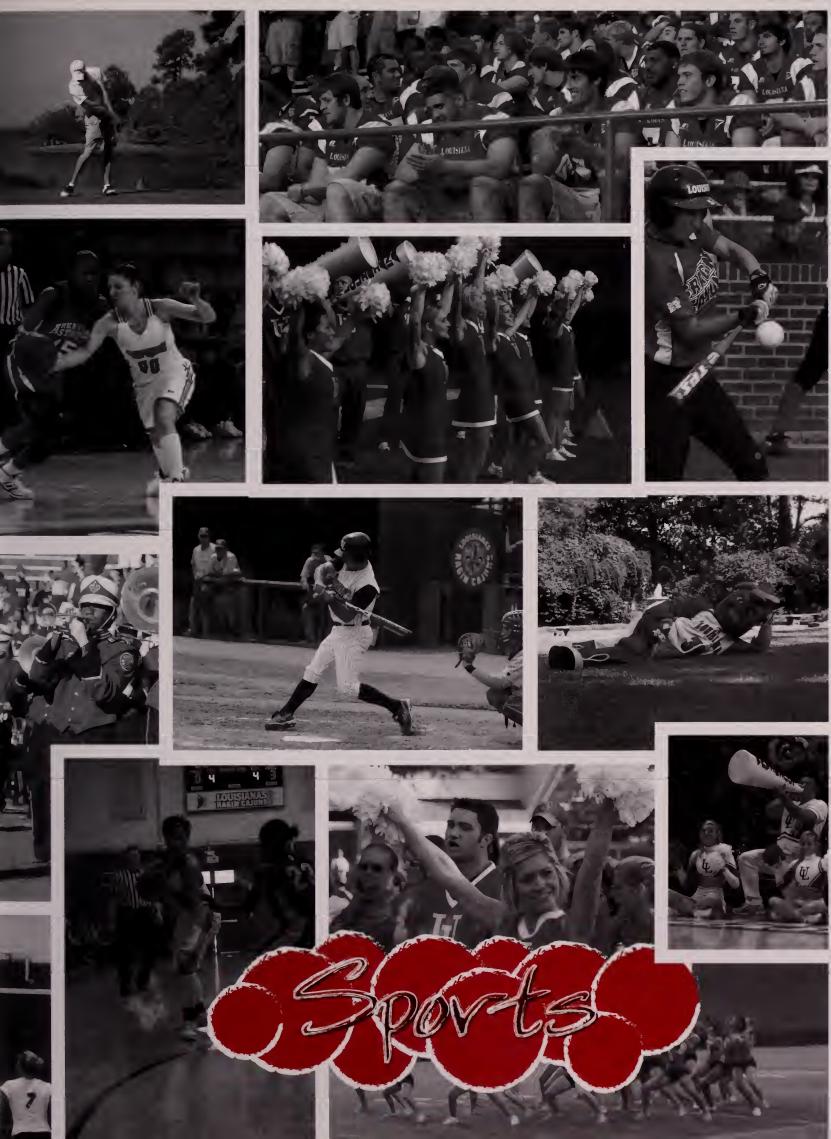




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Football

With a new offense and defense, injury plagued offensive line and a young up and coming team, the Ragin' Cajun football team had many obstacles to overcome in 2007. Although the '07 record does not show it (3-9 overall and 3-4 in conference play), this past season was an exciting and record-breaking one. Where else could you watch a quarterback juke a safety time after time, knock the helmet off of a linebacker and outrun a cornerback, while his running back is doing the same thing? The Ragin' Cajuns have made a name for themselves and opponents who play them know they need to bring their A-game in order to beat our Cajuns.

In his first season named as the starting quarterback for the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Michael Desormeaux made quite a name for himself. He racked up 2,546 yards in total offense, with an amazing 1,141 yards rushing making ranking him 2nd in the nation in rushing yards by a quarterback (only 3 yards behind West Virginia's Pat White) and 19th best rushing performance in NCAA history. This performance also put him only 171 yards shy of fifth place in ULL school history. Desormeaux also passed for 100 yards and rushed for 100 yards in a single game five times.

In national rankings for all positions, Desorme ux is ranked 8th in yards per carry (6.07), 29th in rushing yards per game (103.7) and 33rd in total net rushing with 1.141 in a single season.

When Desormeaux handed the football off, he bad confidence in starting running back, Tyrell Fenroy, to make the best of it. In 2007, Fenroy carried the ball 180 times for a total of 1,021 yards and seven touchdowns. He holds the title of all time leading rusher for a running back at ULL and all time scorer among running backs. This season, Fenroy had national recognition for being one of only two juniors to record three consecutive 1,000 yard seasons. In the 2007 season, the Cajuns' rushing offense totaled 3,019 yards and 251.6 yards per game which was 6th in NCAA and 1st in Sun Belt Conference.

On the receiving end of the ball, Jason Cherry led the team with thirty six catches for a total of 442 yards while Derrick Smith followed

close behind with thirty five catches for 583 yards.

On the other side of the ball, Senior Defensive End, Rodney Hardeway set the ULL record for sacks in a game with four against Middle Tennessee. Hardeway landed 5th in two categories including total number of sacks in a season with seven and total career sacks with fifteen. Hardeway also led the team with twelve tackles-for-loss (TFL).

The top three tacklers for the 2007 season were Antwyne Zanders (93 tackles), Grant Fleming (71 tackles) and Brenton Burkhalter (65 tackles).

This year, there were twenty three seniors who came together to lead this team. These seniors include Kevin Belton, William Chance, Lanier Coleman, Ray Givens, Tre' Green, Rodney Hardeway, Greg Hathorn, Jordan Jackson, Damian Jones, Jarrett Jones, Derik Keyes, Torres Kingsby, Zachary Leger, Abdule Levier, Connor Morel, Lamar Morgan, Jesse

	Oppone	nt	UL		
	South Carolina - 28		UL - 14		
	Ohio - 3	Ohio - 31			
	McNeese State - 38		UL - 17		
	Troy - 48 UL		- 31		
	UCF - 3	37	UL - 19		
	North Texas - 2	9	UL - 38		
	Arkansas State -	52	UL - 21		
Florida Atlantic - 39 UL - 32					
Tennessee - 59		UL - 7			
Middle Tennessee - 24		UL - 34			
Florida International - 28		28	UL - 38		
Louisiana at Monroe - 17 UI			- 11		





The Ragin' Cajuns take on each opponent with perseverance and determination.



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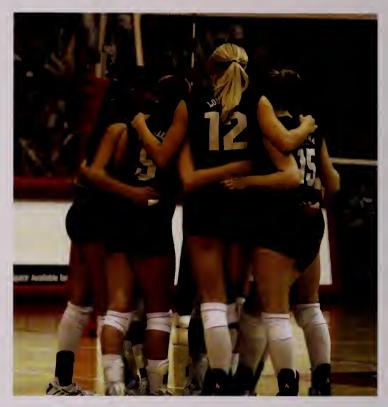
Volleyball

Although this year's Ragin Cajun volleyball team was a young one, only holding two seniors, Erika Castro and Tara Cote, they still proved to be good competitors. With an overall record of 4-29, this young team will work hard in the off season and come back in the 2008 season hungry for victory.

Junior Elizabeth Inman led the Cajuns with 343 kills, while freshman Amie Goodwin followed closely with a total of 340 kills.

Sophomore Setter, Kendra Hall, was the hand behind the assists with 1,094 for the season. Goodwin and Inman also led in total points for the season with 406 and 391 respectively.

Defensively, Castro led the Cajuns with 497 digs, averaging 4.56 digs per game.



Opponent UL					
	New Orleans - 3		UL - 1		
	Troy - 3		UL - 0		
	South Alabama - 3		UL - 1		
	Louisiana at Monroe - 0	U	L - 3		
1	Denver -	3	UL - 0		
	North Texas - 3		UL - 2		
	Western Kentucky - 3		UL - 0		
	Middle Tennessee - 3	L – 0			
	New Orleans -	3	UL - 1		
	Louisiana at Monroe - 2	2	UL - 3		
North Texas - 3		UL - 2			
Denver - 3 UL - 0					
	Arkansas State - 3		UL - 1		
	UALR - 3		UL - 0		



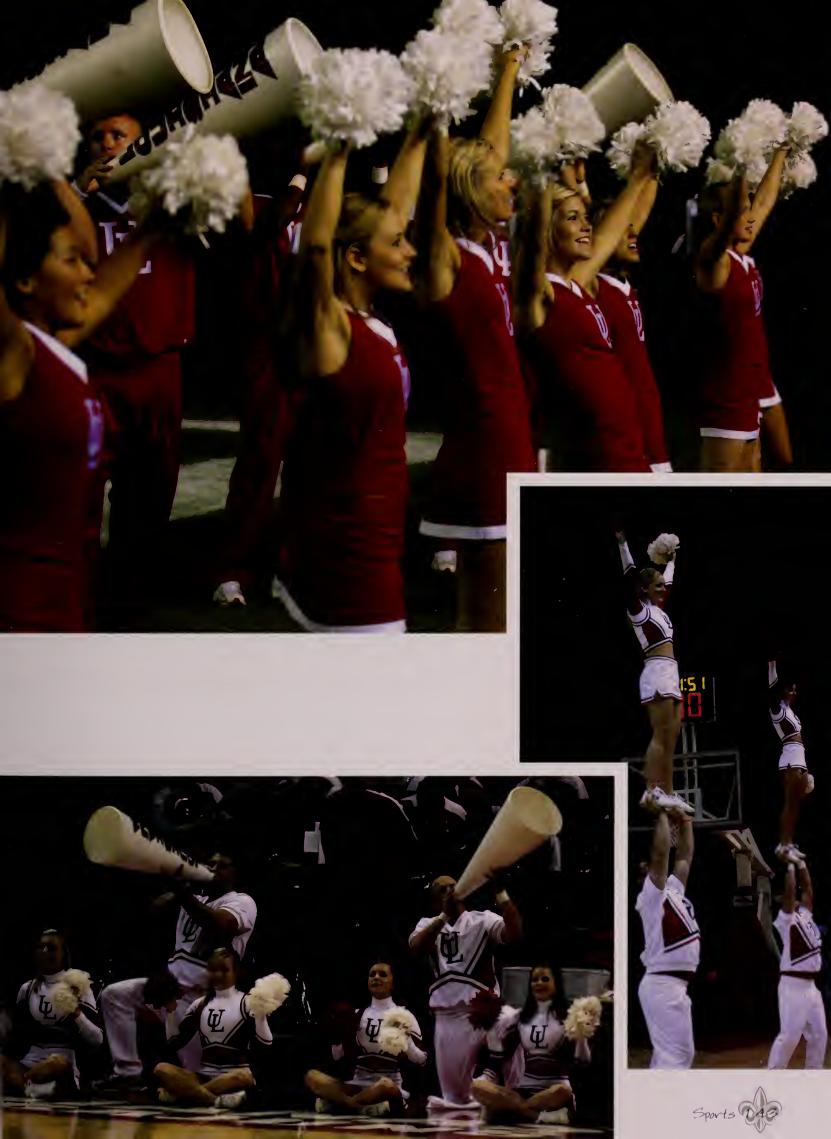




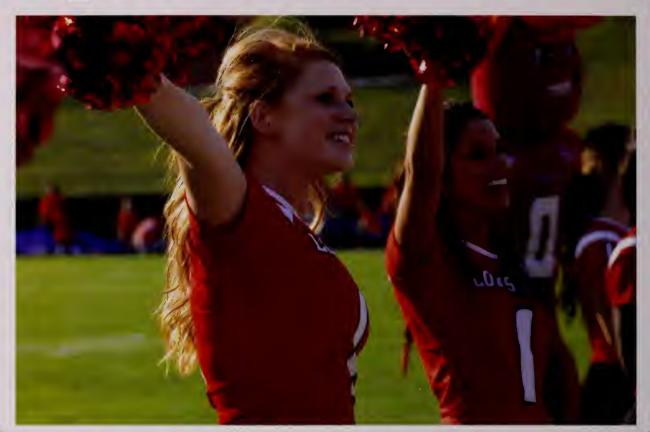


Cheerleading

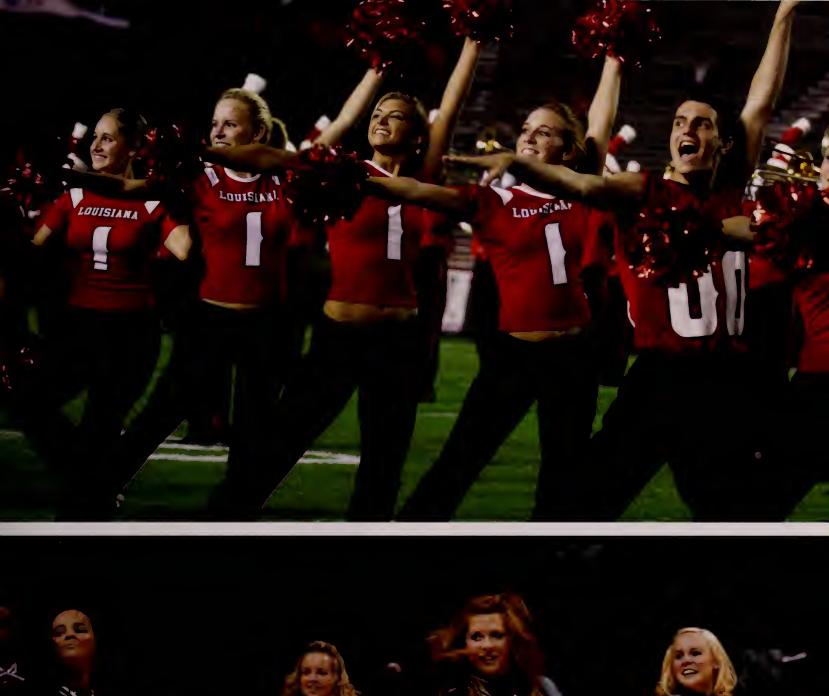




Ragin Jazz









Women's Soccer

If you were unable to get out and watch the Ragin' Cajun soccer team this year, you missed quite a bit. This season, the ladies broke a couple records by being the first team in school history to finish the season with a winning record. The 2007 Ragin' Cajun soccer team completed their season with a record of 9-8-4 in all season play and ended with a 5-4-3 in conference play. This should come as no surprise being that this year the ladies had plenty of experience and leadership with a record of seven graduating seniors, the largest graduating class. The seniors include Bridgette Adorno (co-captain), Kat Bergeron, Taunya Geelhoed, Kerri Luyties (co-captain), Stephanie Lynch, Kristen Malen, Callie Oliver, Erin Thompson and Lyndsey Winters.

Senior Stephanie Lynch was named 2nd team-all conference while Bridgette

Adorno set the record for total number

of games played in a career with seventy seven.

Kristen Malen took home the Defensive Most Valuable Player (MVP) at the Soccer Awards Banquet that took place on Sunday, February 10, while Callie Oliver was awarded with Offensive MVP. Jenn Hungate won Most Improved Player. Kat Bergeron took home the Cajun Pride award and the Ultimate Cajun in 2007 was Kerri Luyties.

Congratulations to the 2007 Ragin' Cajun soccer team on such a fun and record-breaking season.

Adorno set the record for total number			
	Opponent	Result	
	Nicholls State - 0	UL - 5	
	Auburn - 2	UL - 0	
	Denver - 0	UL - 0	
	North Texas - 4	UL - 0	
	UALR - O	UL - 4	
	Arkansas - 1	UL - 3	
	Florida Atlantic - 1	UL - 2	
	Florida International - 0	UL -	
	Middle Tennessee - 3	UL - 1	
	Western Kentucky - 1	UL - 1	
	South Alabama - 2	UL - 3	
	Troy - 0	UL - 2	
	Louisiana at Monroe - 3	UL - 1	



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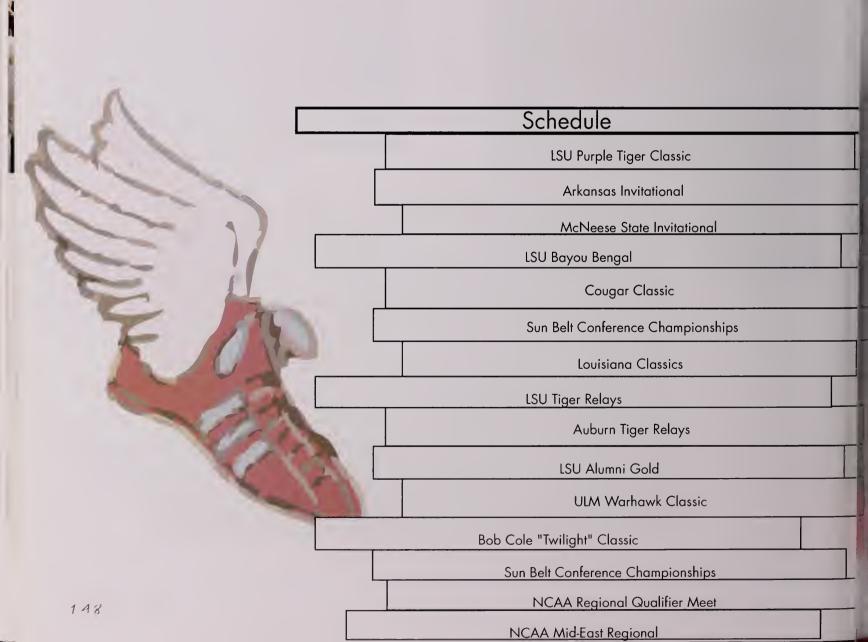
Track Cross Country

The Ragin Cajun cross country team had a season that left us wanting more. The Cajuns failed to place first in any of their events but put up a good fight and placed second and third multiple times.

For the women's team, Senior Casey Brown, of Rayne, LA, led the way with a second place finish at the Northwestern State Invitational and received third place finished at the Ragin Cajun Invitational and the Louisiana Tech Invitational.

The men's team was led by Junior, Joby Gisclair, of Cutoff, LA. Joby placed in the Louisiana Tech Invitational, the LSU Cross Country Festival and the Centenary Invitational.

We all hope that the Cajun's cross country teams will continue to work hard and compete vigorously in the upcoming years.





The Track & Field Team as well as the Cross Country Team ran with endurance and dedication.



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Men's Basketball

Although the Ragin Cajun men's basketball team may not have made it as far as they had hoped, the excitement was not cut short for the fans of the team. Being led by seniors Maurice Barksdale, David Dees and Abray Milson, the team made the games entertaining to watch with close and hard fought games. The Ragin Cajuns were only outscored by their opponents by .8; scoring an average of 65 points per game, while their opponents scored 65.8 points per game.

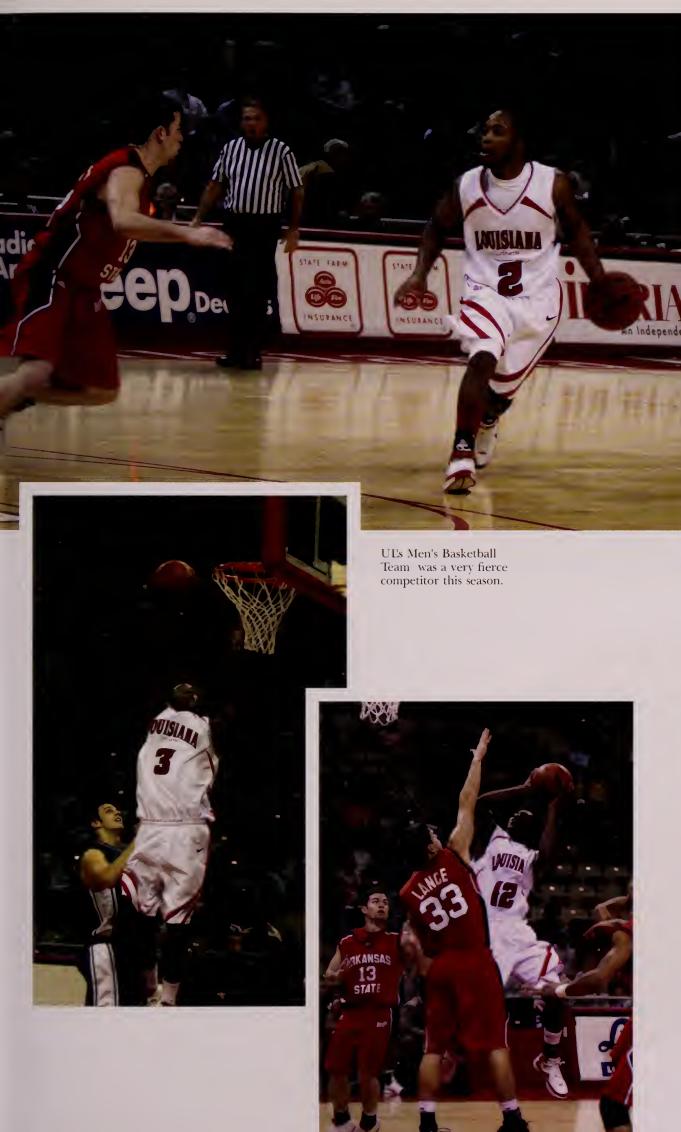
Freshman Chris Gradnigo led the Cajuns with 289 points for the season and a great free throw percentage of .759.

Sophomore Elijah Millsap followed close behind with 282 points for the season and a total field goal percentage of .367.

With coaching by Robert Lee, the men's basketball head coach, the team ended their season as the Sun Belt West Division Co-champion.

Although the team suffered a heartbreaking loss in the first round of the Sun Belt Conference Championship, they were able to finish the season with a 15-15 overall record and an 8-6 record at home.

	Opponent UL			
	Utah Valley University - 59	UL - 67		
	Western Kentucky - 69	UL - 66		
	South Alabama - 66	UL - 60		
	Troy - 66 UL	87		
	Middle Tennessee - 57	UL - 51		
	Florida International - 62	UL - 72		
	Denver - 63	UL - 44		
Louisiana at Monroe - 65 UL – 67				
	Arkansas State - 59	UL - 65		
	New Orleans - 70	UL - 72		
	UALR - 61	UL - 58		
North Texas - 58 UL - 63				
	Denver - 51	UL - 58		
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Women's Basketball

The Ragin Cajun women's basketball team may not have had their best season this year, but they proved they have what it takes to make the fans proud.

One of the highlights of this year's basketball season was in a 64-55 win over the UNO Lady Privateers. This win was Coach Errol Rogers first Sun Belt Conference win. Senior shooting guard and All Sun Belt Conference third team, Alicia McDaniel, of Houston, TX, led the Cajuns in the win with 21 points; this was McDaniel's sixth straight game in double figures. Also, senior center Sonora Edwards, of Snook, TX, had her fifth double-double game of the year with 11 points and 11 rebounds.

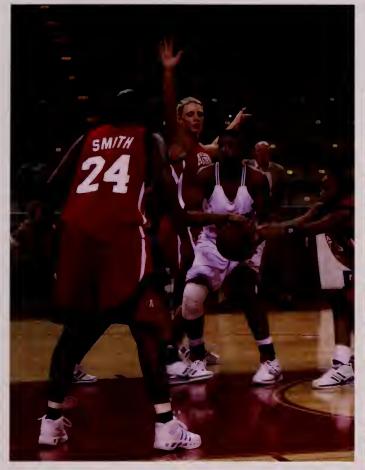
This marked the 17th of her career.

For the season, McDaniel led

the team with 12.6 points per game and a .536 free throw percentage.

With six seniors graduating in 2008, the Cajuns will need to work hard in the off season to replace these important players. With hard work, this team can have a good next season under Coach Rogers and the fans cannot wait for them to return.

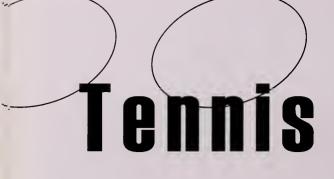
	Opponent	<u>Result</u>
	NORTH TEXAS - 77	UL - 58
	Western Kentucky- 90	UL - 74
	South Alabama - 76	UL - 65
	Troy - 63	UL - 54
	Middle Tennessee - 85	UL - 54
	Florida Atlantic -	65 UL - 62
	Florida International - 75	UL - 60
	Denver - 60	UL - 52
	ULM - 65	UL - 59
	Arkansas State - 79	UL - 60
	New Orleans - 56	UL - 58
	UALR - 48	UL - 42
	North Texas - 6	03 UL - 68

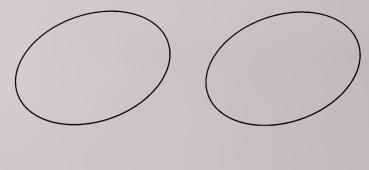












The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's Men's and Women's Tennis teams are among the conferences youngest. Ryan Hess was the lone senior on the Ragin' Cajuns men's team and the women's team will not have any graduates this year.

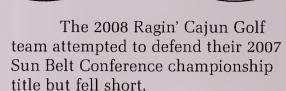
In Sun Belt Conference play, the men's team was eliminated in round 1 versus Middle Tennessee, ending the season earlier than expected for the Cajuns. The women's team defeated Troy in the first round of SBC play but was eventually eliminated by the number 2 seed, South Alabama.

The Cajun's season was high-lighted by some great play from sophomore standout Piotrek Banas who was named to the All-Conference Men's Singles team and is ranked in the top 100 in the nation.

Opponer	nt	Result	
South Alabama - 4		UL - 2	
Troy - 4		UL - 2	
Texas-Arlington - 3		UL - 4	
Louisiana-Monroe - 1		UL - 6	
SMU - 5		UL - 2	
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi - 0		UL Women - 5	
Texas A&M-Corpus Christi - 4		UL Men - 3	
Middle Tennessee - 4		UL - 2	
South Alabama - 4		UL - 3	
Denver - 4		UL - 1	
Troy - 1		UL - 4	
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At the close of the first day the Cajuns led the SBC by turning in a score of 8 under par. It was on the third day of the tournament that the Cajuns turned in a score of 6 over par slipping to 5th place in conference play.

Devin Currey led the Cajuns in the tournament posting a (-3) followed by Kyle Pritchard who scored a (-1).

Senior Michael Smith played well all season and was selected to the All SBC team. Morgan Landry, a senior, was one of only two SBC athletes to win the Post Graduate Scholarship Award for his outstanding work on the course and in academics.

Schedule Mean Green Invitational at Denton, Texas Adams Cup at Newport, R.I. Louisiana Classics Lafayette, La. Memphis Intercollegiate at Memphis, Tenn. La. Tech/Squire Creek Intercollegiate at Ruston, La. Battle on the Bend Many, La. Puerto Vallarta/North Texas Intercollegiate at Puerto Vallarta All-American Intercollegiate at Houston, Texas Louisiana Classics Lafayette, La. Border Olympics at Laredo, Texas Carter Plantation Invitational at Springfield, La. Indian Classic at Jonesboro, Ark. Sun Belt Conference Championships at Muscle Shoals, Ala.



Baseball

The University of Louisiana at Lafayette's baseball team had a good year, but fell one game short of competing for the Sun Belt Conference championship.

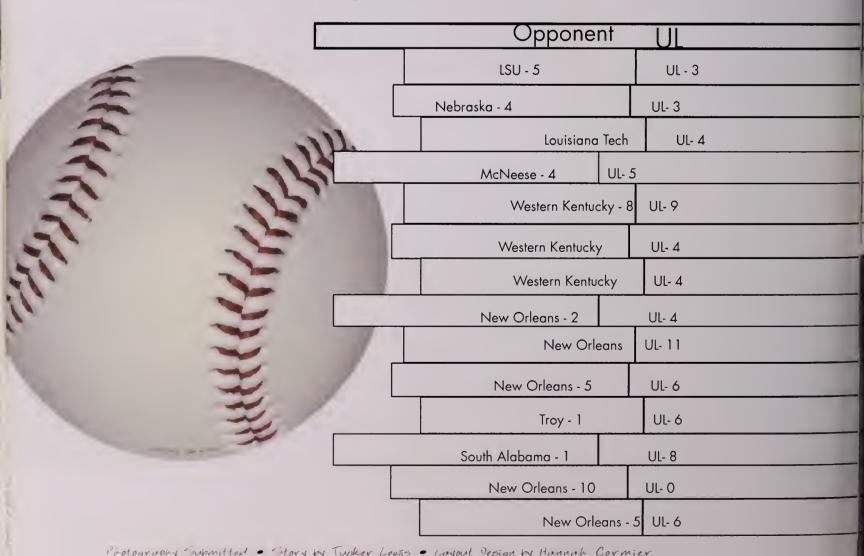
The SBC tournament was hosted by the Cajuns in 2008 at M.I. Tigue Moore Field. The Cajuns came out strong defeating the Troy Trojans but hada two game slide to the New Orleans Privateers. Later, three Cajun players were credited with All SBC Tournament awards, Hunter Moody, Brent Soolich, and Scott Hawkins. Senior Pitcher Hunter Moody had an amazing career as a Cajun. With (31-7) record, he finished his career with the most wins for a pitcher in

UL history. Moody was also the lone Cajun to be named to the 1st team 2008 All SBC team. He will now be competing in the major league, as he was drafted in the 35th round by the Toronto Blue Javs.

Danny Farquhar, a Junior Pitcher for the Cajuns will be leaving the team a year early as he was also drafted by the Blue Jays. Farquhar leaves the Cajuns after ending his

leaves the Cajuns after ending his season ranked 9th nationally for strikeouts per 9 innings.

The Cajuns ended their season with a record of (30-29) and a (16-14) conference record.





Softball

The Ragin Cajun softball team was outstanding this year with an overall record of 49-12 and a 19-3 Sun Belt Conference record. The Cajuns gave their fans something to cheer about at home by winning 22 out of 23 games played on their home turf.

The Cajuns were led defensively by the pitching of Sun Belt Conference Pitcher of the Year, freshman Ashley Brignac, of River Ridge, LA. Brignac turned in a 1.94 ERA while striking out 295 batters, allowing 103 hits and only giving up a total of 52 runs for the season. Another pitching standout was freshman Donna Bourgeois, of Lafayette, LA. Bourgeois

turned in a .94 ERA and had a record of 28-6, whiling recording 20 saves in 2008.

Offensively the Cajuns were led by senior Holly Tankersley, of Kirbyville, TX, with a batting average of .451 and a slugging percentage of

.874. She also led the team with 19 homeruns. Tankersley was also listed as one of the top 25 finalists for the 2008 USA Softball Collegiate Player of the Year Award.

While the Cajuns will be losing three of their great seniors including, Tankersley, Brooke Brodhead and Vanessa Soto, it has been

	Opponent	UL
	Western Kentucky - 0	UL- 8
7	Florida International - 2	UL- 8
17	Western Kentucky-1	UL- 3
	ULM - 0	UL- 13
	East Carolina	UL- 2
	LSU - 4	UL- 9
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With this talent, in front of 154 fans, the Cajuns earned their 154 fans, the Cajuns earned their 154 fans, the Cajuns earned their 155 appearance at the Super Regional urnament by stomping I-10 rival U twice to clinch the Regional title d sure up a spot in the College 155 ftball World Series.

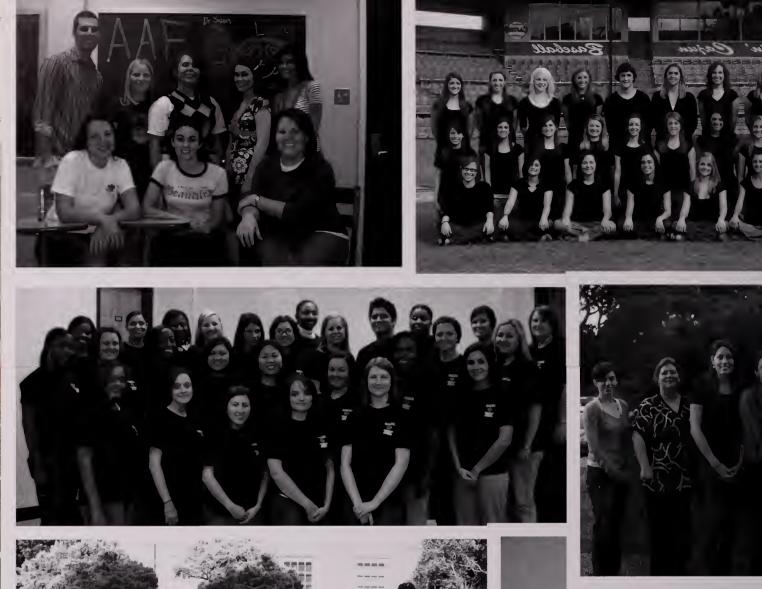
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CANDACE URBANOWSKI

Whether laboring away behind the scenes as Student Government Association president or cheering on the Ragin' Cajun football team on a Saturday night, Candace Urbanowski proved quite the college student extraordinaire. A self-described "workaholic," she maintained a challenging agenda during her term as S.G.A. president.

Effectively distributing her time between coursework, on-campus internship, off-campus employment,



volunteer work, sorority life (Phi Mu), and membership in numerous campus organizations in addition to SGA, Urbanowski proved possibly one of the most involved students at the university. How did she possibly do it?

"I have awesome time management skills," she said, "and I always remember that when I make a commitment, I uphold it and give 110%."

Such zealous dedication paid off for Urbanowski, as she achieved considerable success throughout her tenure.

Most notably, she served as a student representative for the Presidential Search Committee to replace Dr. Ray Authement. Because it had been 34 years since the University of Louisiana at Lafayette sought a new president, the committee held a vital responsibility in deciding the future of the university.

"I took this position seriously and made sure to represent the students as well as the faculty and local community," she stated. "In the end, a new president was selected, and I know that the needs of the university were expressed through the process."

She was also the first S.G.A. president in UL Lafayette history to write a service learning grant and received over \$14,000, funds used to finance X-Treme Spring Break 2008. Spearheaded by Urbanowski, X-Treme Spring Break partnered with Americorps and the local Habitat for Humanity to bring together college students from across the state in efforts to rebuild hurricane ravaged areas in Vermilion parish.

Though her unwavering involvement in the UL Lafayette community demanded more from her than the average college student, Urbanowski undoubtedly felt it essential to take part in what the university has to offer and encouraged her peers to engage themselves, as well.

"I think it is important to get involved because it helps students become well-rounded and able to gain experience that will help them throughout life."

JAMEY ARNETTE



"I absolutely think it was the best decision in my life," says Jamey Arnette, vice president of the University of Lafayette Student Government Association.

"I chose UL because it was far enough away from home but not too far," Arnette says.

Home for Arnette was Bayou Vista, La., a small town in south Louisiana where Arnette grew up with his mother, older sister Jennifer and younger brother Justin.

"My mom also has a small dog that I feel is a sibling often," he joked, "When she goes to Burger King or whatever she buys her a burger too."

Arnette, an advertising major with a double minor in visual arts and music, was responsible for overseeing the SGAs various committees and working on special projects for the university in the 2007-2008 school year. Before serving as SGA vice president, Arnette was a senator for the college of Liberal Arts.

Arnette expected to graduate in fall 2008, but still pushed for change and improvement at the university he loves.

"I am driven by the sole fact that I want to leave the university I love so much in a better place that when I first started," Arnette said. "I want to impact every Ragin' Cajun that walks through the quad, down Rex Street, or sits in the Red Zone in some sort of way. I get satisfaction knowing that I've done this."

ANSLEY COSCARART

For Student Government Association Treasurer Ansley Coscarart, persistence is a key element in her success.

Coscarart was born in Lafayette and relocated to Venezuela as a baby. However, she made her way back to Bristol, La., where she was raised.

Coscarart, an exercise science major graduating in May 2008, began her term as an SGA senator during her sophomore year. As SGA treasurer, Coscarart was not only responsible for funding and budgets, but she pushed for countless other issues that she knows will benefit students.

"I found out what the students need, what their complaints are, and try to satisfy their needs to the best of my ability," Coscarart said.

Coscarart was one of the main supporters of a move for Guillory Hall to serve as a 24-hour study place for students, a move which has recently received funding through a new grant.

After graduation Coscarart planned to move further into her continuing effort to serve, working with Laborers in the Vineyard, a program run by students and religious individuals which is designed to help the poor and homeless.

She also has plans to work on receiving her doctorate in physical











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STUDENT HEALTH INFORMATION



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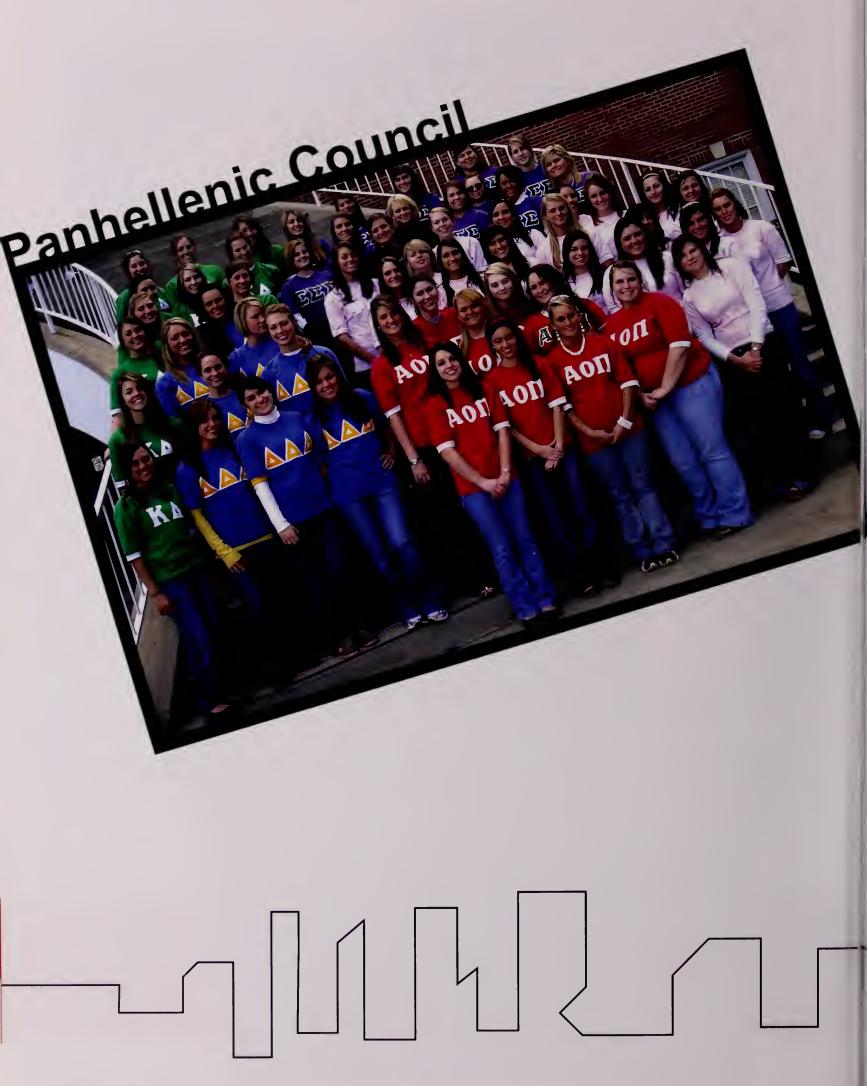
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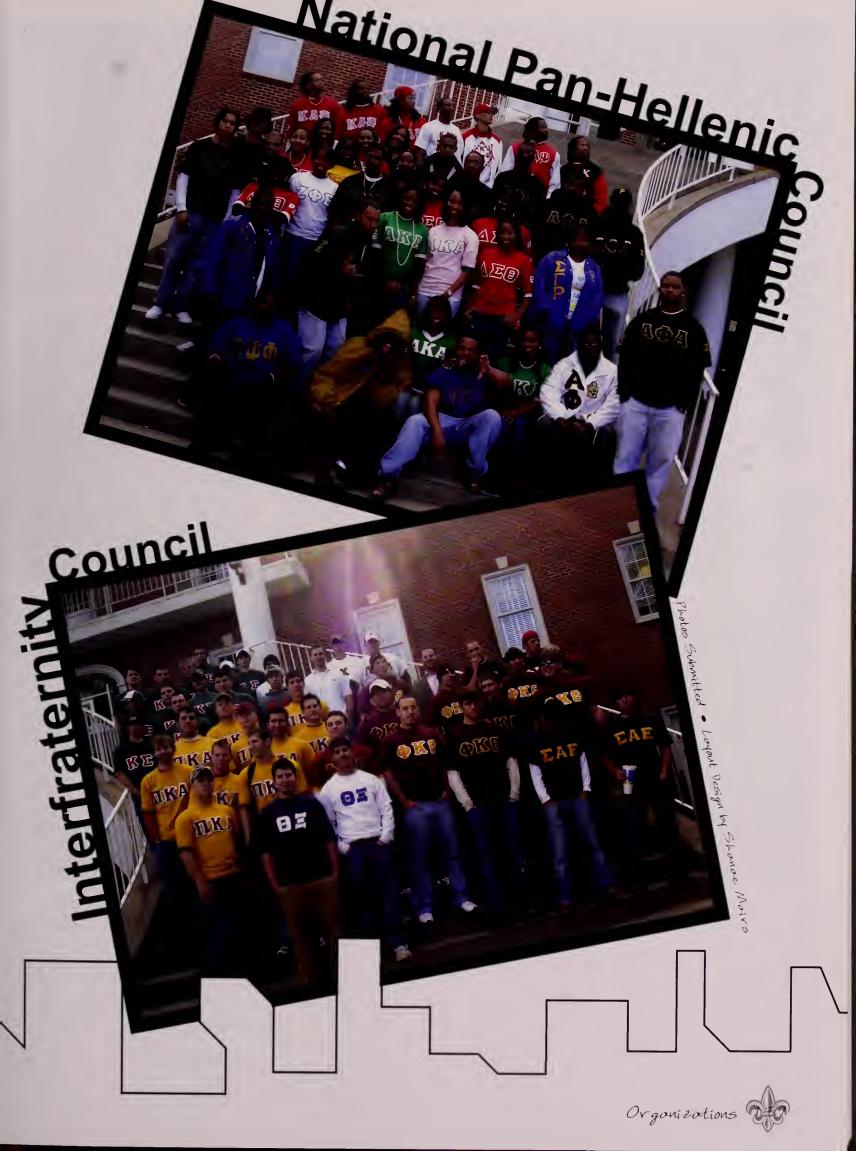
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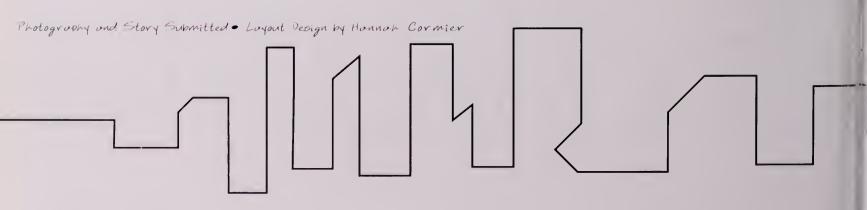
An international sisterhood with more than 185,000 members, Alpha Kappa Alpha seeks to be supreme in service to all mankind. Alpa Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. continues to be a channel through which selected college-trained women improve the social economic conditions in their city, state, nation, and the world.

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Alpha Omicrom Pi was founded on January 2, 1987 at Barnard College of Columbia University in New York. Our color is Cardinal Red, our mascot is the Panda, our Jewel is the Ruby, our flower is the Jacqueminot Rose, and or international Pilanthropy is Arthritis Research. Uls Delta Beta chapter is very involved on campus by participating in Ragin' Roar pep rally, Krewe of roux Mardi Gras Parade, Greek Week, and Homecoming activities. We give philanthropic efforts to Ul, the community, and other Greeks by participating in such events as Up



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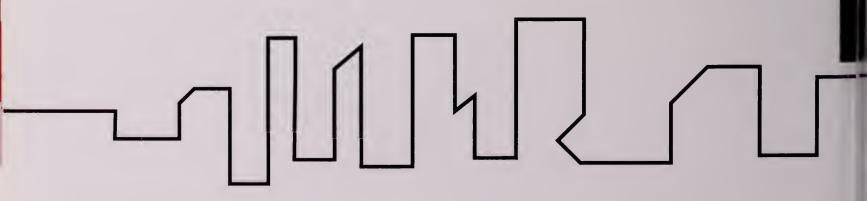
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9, 1914, by three young African-American male students. The founders, Honorable A. Langston Taylor, Honorable Leonard F. Morse, and Honorable Charles I. Brown, wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service.

The founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as "a part of" the general community rather than "apart from" the general community. They believed that each potential member should be judged by his own merits rather than his family background or affluence...without regard of race, nationality, skin tone or texture of hair. They wished and wanted their fraternity to exist as part of even a greater ____

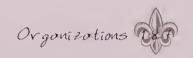


brotherhood which would be devoted to the "inclusive we" rather than the "exclusive we". ta Sigme

From its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to

deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, the founders of Phi Beta Sigma held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity's motto, "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity".

The Iota Iota Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma strives to uphold these principles created by their founders. The chapter has volunteered for the Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, Relay for Life, Lafayette Hurricanes, Boys and Girls Club and St. Joseph's Diner to name a few.

























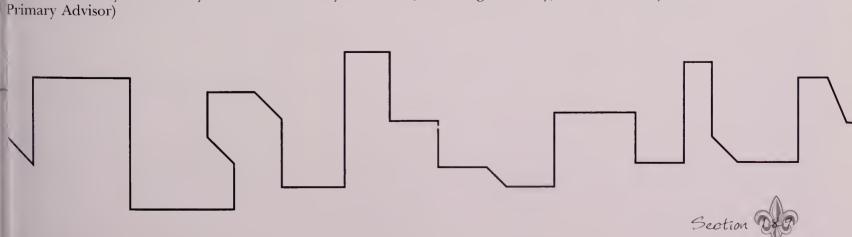
Delta Sigma Theta Sorority was founded on January 13, 1913 by twenty-two collegiate women at Howard University. These students wanted to use their collective strength to promote academic excellence and to provide assistance to persons in need. The Sorority was incorporated in 1930.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide assistance and support through established programs in local communities throughout the world. A sisterhood of more than 200,000 predominately Black college edu-

Tated women, the Sorority currently has over 900 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas and the Republic of Korea. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's Five Point Thrust of: Economic Development, Educational Development, International Awareness and Involvement, Physical and Mental Health, Political Awareness and Involvement



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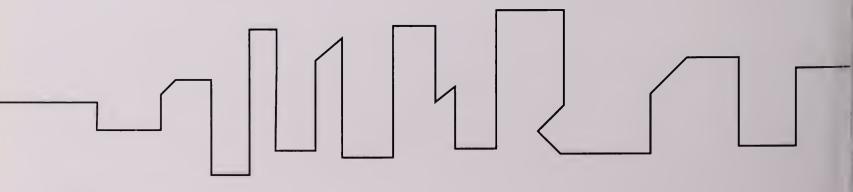
Sir, you are a Kappa Alpha. You are not just another fraternity man. You are a knight of the most unique organization among the Greek letter societies. You have been made familiar with a ritual and customs which emanated - not by accident, but by device - from the most noble qualities of the Knights of Old.

Into the heritage you have been presented are incorporated the highest ideas of fidelity to God and the esteem of woman. You are a KA. You can never be anything else and cannot do less than aspire to Excellence. You

cannot be petty, cowardly, unfair, unfaithful; you are a KA.

You have a serious challenge, indeed a direct obligation, incumbent upon you as a KA. As you are the recipient of so rich a heritage, you are conscience-bound to be ever-anxious to preserve, strengthen, and pass on that heritage to those brothers your Order chooses to entrust with it in the future.

You will never grow taller than when

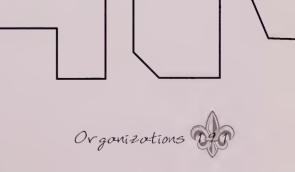


you stoop to help a brother. And you cannot desert him when others do. You can never become wiser by disregarding the sterling ideals of your Order. You can never worship your God more intimately than when you utilize the tools Kappa Alpha has given you.

And if you will do these things, you cannot

but realize for yourself the respect for your fellow man, the wealth of mortal happiness, and the salvation by a generous God.

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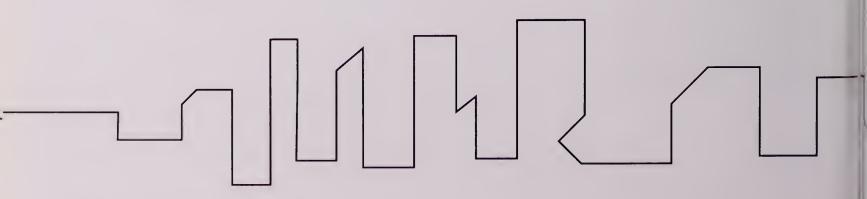


Kappa Delta was nationally founded on October 23, 1897 at State Female Normal School in Farmville, Virginia. Our sorority's main focuses are scholarship, philanthropy, leadership, social success, and sisterhood. We have four national philanthropies: Prevent Child Abuse America, the Girl Scouts of the USA, Children's Hospital of Richmond, Virginia, and the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons research awards. Every March our local chapter holds a Shamrock Event where we raise money for Prevent Child abuse Louisiana and

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The Brothers of Lambda Chi Alpha embody the prestige and honor of being part of one of the greatest Greek organizations in the nation. These privileges are not given to just anyone, but only to those who are committed to bring out the best in themselves and others. Lambda Chi Alpha was founded on the University of Louisiana's campus in 1964.

On our campus, the Cajun Gentlemen of Lambda Chi Alpha are active in many organizations and functions. You can see them in such organizations as the Inter-Fraternity Council, Student Government Association, University Program Council, Student Orientation Staff, and the Association for Future Alumni just to name a few. The brothers give back to our community by outing on its annual Watermelon Bust, in which sororities compete against each other in athletic, spirit, and philanthropic contest.

Lambda Chi Alpha encourages leadership skills through its Impact Leadership Program. Impact Leadership is a program that inspires passion and challenges in the development of dynamic people who impact their lifetime communities through valuebased leadership. The mission of Lambda Chi Alpha is to offer the best fraternal experience, focusing on personal character development through leadership, scholarship, community service, and positive social experiences.

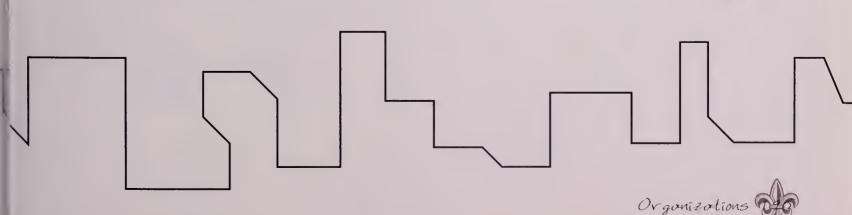


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fund raising events throughout the year. The leading chapter philanthropy events are Jump-A-Thon and Big Man on Campus. All money raised by

Phi Mu to CMN stays in Lafayette area.

All Phi Mus have a different college experience, but we all share a bond of sisterhood. We all believe in the ideals of our creed: Love, Honor, and Truth. Each Phi Mu who gives time as an member, officer, or volunteer, contributes to the continued success of Phi Mu. Sisterhood is a very important part of Phi Mu, and we are join us to see for yourself all that Phi Mu has too offer. "Some girls come to find their husbands... we came to find our bridesmaids."



The men of the Zeta Omega Chapter of Pi Kappa Alpha are happy to call the University of Louisiana at Lafayette home. After their first year on campus, they have led IFC in community service hours, philanthropy money raised, and have maintained the highest cumulative G.P.A. Also known as "Pikes", these gentlemen are leading the way in IFC.

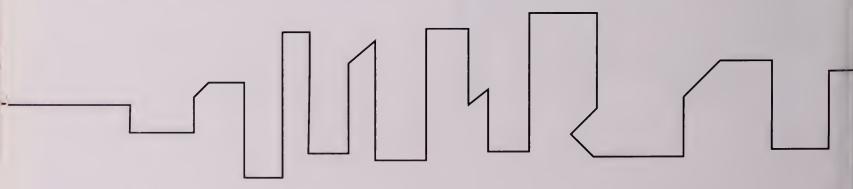
Nationally, Pike has the largest chapter average of any other major International or North American fraternity. This statistic can be attributed to their motto for recruitment; "Recruit the most best men". Pike accomplishes this by trying to recruit and maintain S.L.A.G.s, which stands for scholars, leaders, athletes, and gentlemen.

Pike's adopted philanthropy, the Faith House of Acadiana, has partnered with the fraternity to benefit the entire community by raising money and awareness for victims of domestic abuse. Pike has devoted thousands of community

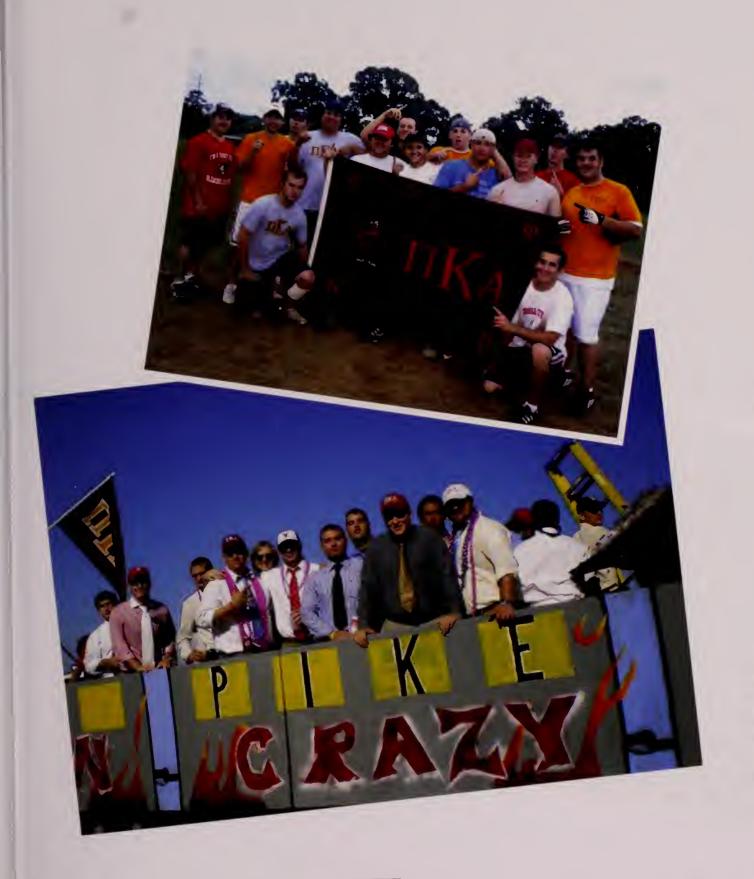
service hours for the Faith House, with much of the efforts aimed at re-opening of a Faith House shelter on the north side of Lafayette.

Pi Kappa Alpha held its annual party known as Pikes Peak at the fraternity house, with over three hundred fifty people in attendance. The Lazy-K Band headlined the evening, with fellow Pike Caleb Elliot opening up for the evening. The party was a huge success, thanks to the planning of the Pikes and the support of the sororities. Zeta Omega hopes that Pikes Peak will be even bigger next year!

Pike's charter was re-instated here at UL Lafayette on November 10th, 2007, making all of its previous members founding fathers of the fraternity. Pike's goals are to continue down the path of excellence, in pursuit of building a dynasty from within the Inter-Fraternity Council of UL.



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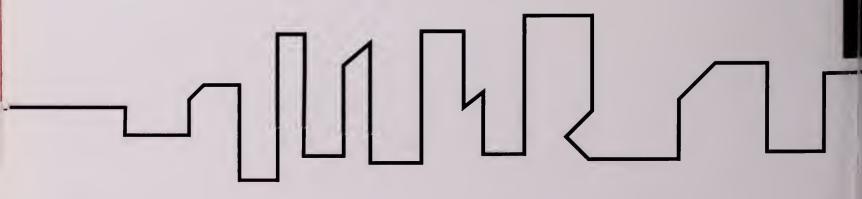
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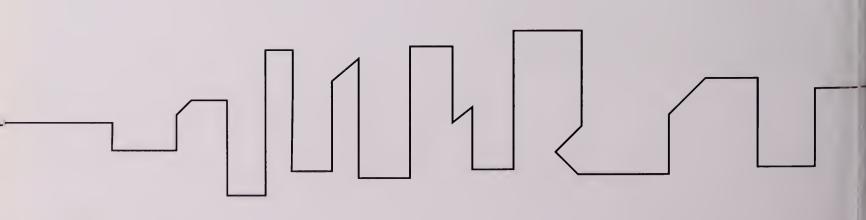
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the development of play therapy rooms for hospitalized children. Our chapter is also known locally for its dedication to its community and on-campus activities such as TOP soccer, University's homecoming, Lambda Chi Alpha Watermelon Bust, Hospice of Acadiana, Buddy Walk and much much more. Our social calendar is full with annual events such as Fall Crush, Mistletoes and Beaus semiformal, Family Day Tailgating, Pearl Cotillion Formal, Founders Day and a number of Fraternity mixers. The sisters of Sigma Sigma promote leadership, campus involvement, academic achievement, Greek unity, and a lifetime of friendship and sisterhood.



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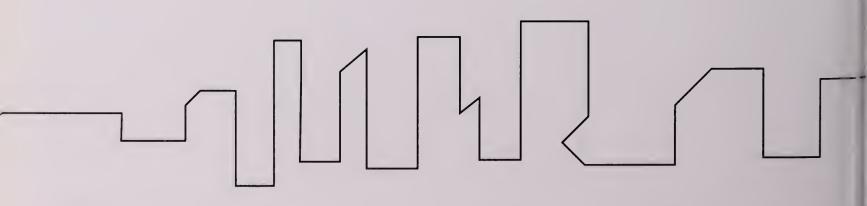
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On January 16, 1920, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Incorporated was founded on the simple belief that sorority elitism and socializing should not overshadow the real mission for progressive organizations. Zeta Phi Beta Sorority was the first African-American Greek-letter organization to establish a chapter in Africa, the first African-American Greek-letter organization to establish adult and youth auxiliary groups, and the only African-American Sorority to be constitutionally bound to a brother Fraternity, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated.

Ten phenomenal women who aspired to promote the ideas of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. charted the Omega Eta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. on January 7, 1977. Zeta promotes scholarship, service, sisterly love, and finer womanhood. Sisterly love is a quality which comes natural to all members of the Omega Eta Chapter. Omega Eta also knows that as a sorority we must also give back to the community. So we do community service such as the Jerry Lewis Tela-thon for Muscular Dystrophy, tutoring the youth, Breast Cancer Awareness, and voter registration. Omega Eta is designing new strategies and providing outreach services as they continue to move forward



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Organizations Road





State and Local News

Gubernatorial Elections

Running on the platform of ethics reform, Bobby Jindal, R-Kenner, made history by becoming the first Indian-American governor in the nation. Jindal is currently also the youngest governor in nationwide. He replaces former governor Kathleen Blanco.

Free Cycle comes to Acadiana

Started in the Southwest, Freecycle is an online swapping group that believes in recycling household items that others can use. Items are posted to a sponsored, online group. Lafayette and the surrounding Acadiana area joined the group and are now the largest in the state.

Speed Vans for the Lose!

Controversy bubbled in Lafayette Parish after a private van service was hired to catch speeders. The vans snapped photos of license plates of those violating speed laws. Many local residents deemed the practice as a violation. All tickets were sent through the mail, similarly to the red light camera tickets.





The Rebirth of New Orleans

Almost three year after Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans is finally seeing an increase in tourism. Many businesses are looking to the city for their conferences, and tourists can once again be seen snapping shots in front of Jackson Square. Sadly, crime has also been on the increase within the city.

TOPS Requirements Go Up

Getting state help to go to school is now becoming more challenging. The Tuition Opportunity Program for Students will up its requirements in the next few years, requiring more classes and higher GPAs. The programs pays for rewarded high school students to attend a state university.

Potential Lake Crisis

Lake Peigneur is making bubbles, potentially hazardous bubbles. Famous for the 1980s collapse of the salt mine, the lake now houses methane gas in many of the secured, empty salt caverns. Recently, bubbles hitting the surface contain methane, and many local residents are afraid the lake may blow up, due to the combustible nature of the gas.

National and International News

Benazir Bhuto Assassinated

Benazir Bhutto, the international peace keeper and head of the Pakistan People Party, was assassinated on December 27, 2007 while leaving a political event. Her death sparked rage and controversy amongst the Pakistanis. Prior to this, she had been placed under house arrest twice.

Presidential Elections are Narrowed

The two parties determined their candidates for the 2008 election following a tedious primary season. The Republican candidate was declared as John McCain, and the democratic candidate as Barrack Obama. Hillary Clinton gave Obama a tight race, refusing to give up until the very last primary.

Lead Poisoning in Toys

China hurt relations with the U.S. following a mass epidemic of lead coated toys. Hundreds of children nationwide suffered from lead poisoning. Parents starting checking boxes for origin, and a number of toy companies issued apologies and commercials touting safe toys.





Stimulus Package

Tax paying citizens are receiving a bit of a perk from Uncle Sam this year. President Bush approved a stimulus package to booster the economy. People could receive anywhere from \$300 to \$1200 back. The plan is for citizens to use the money for items they just felt they couldn't splurge on.

Oil runs Amok!

The price of oil and gas continues to escalate as the pocket books of people everywhere slowly deplete. Oil at present is approaching \$150 a barrel with no decrease in site. The rising cost of gas has been driving up the cost of food, shipping, and airfare.

We're not in Oz

Tornadoes this year ravaged the U.S. Midwest. There have been a number deaths following the destructive busy weather season. The government has had to declare a number of the areas federal disaster areas.

Entertainment News

Phone with Pizzaz

In keeping with the growing Apple Macintosh trend, the iPhone debuted in mid-fall 2007. The phone allows users to utilize a unique handling system to talk and text. With a touch face system, the iPhone became a fast seller, many waiting in lines that rivaled Star Wars for the premiere.

Whee! Wee! Wii!

Nintendo has brought video games to a new level in the past year. Though over a year old, the Nintendo Wii has captured the attention of the young, old, and middle aged. With the release of Super Smash Brother Brawl and Mario Kart, they have retained die hard geeks, and with games like Wii Fitness and the classic Wii Sports, an older, new market has discovered the joys of gaming.

Indie Steps Up

The more obscure, the better tends to be thee opinion of many college students. The growing popularity of independent bands and labels has continued to grow steadily over the past year. The radio has lost the interest of a generation that is married to their iPods.





The Death of the Joker

Actor Heath Ledger ended his career prematurely following an accidental drug overdose. The controversy over the sudden death, however, has piqued the interest of Batman fans. One of the drugs that caused the reaction was an antidepressant that he decided to take after playing the role of Joker.

Grand Theft Auto Steps it Up

The much anticipated Grand Theft Auto IV delivered what fans had been waiting to see for years. With the revamped Liberty City, the new character gets to be involved in more criminal activities and even drunk driving. The game also spiked controversy with parents and news pundits.

Writer's Strike

Avid television fans faced crisis this past year when the writer's decided to strike over wages from dvd and internet revenue. Shows were canceled from mid-fall until the end of the strike at the beginning of March. Many rejoiced as The Office, Desperate Housewives, and 30 Rock.

Random News Disney Star Endangers Cajundome

The Disney Channels starlet, Hannah Montana, drove one teen boy to an act of near terrorism. The teen intended to hijack a plane traveling from Los Angeles to Nashville and crash it into the Cajundome during Montana's performance. Authorities caught onto his plan when they noticed the duct tape, handcuffs, and rope he brought onto the plane. No one was hurt in the incident, and the teen was been charged with a federal terrorism attempt.

Only Organic Please

Not only have people been more concerned about the environment, but also about what goes into their bodies. The organic movement first was seen in health food stores; however, it has moved to the isles of national chains such as Wal-Mart and Target. Harvested without hormones, additives, and pesticides, organic food is all natural and easy on digestion.

Energy Drinks for the Win!

Got Bawls? Feel like getting Crunk? Want to go Full Throttle, be a Rock Star? Well then energy drinks may just be for you. The buzz from the birth of products such as Red Bull has only continued to grow immensely over the last year. Energy drinks continue to garner stranger names in an effort to capture teens and college students in a wired haze. Though no harmful side effects have been attributed to the products, the effects of too many can be noted by dented walls, rapid speech, and seizure like body movements.





Going Green

Tree Huggers are not the only ones touting environmental safety these days. With the alleged link between pollution and global warming, the nation and world is going green. From using cloth bags to hybrid cars, manufacturers are going the extra mile to try and prevent waste.

Macintosh takes a bite out of PC

With a vastly expanding line of products, Macintosh computers have put themselves firmly back in the market. In the last year, Macintosh revealed a new operating system, phone, notebook, and mp3 player. Once only seen with graphic designers, Mac's can be seen regularly on college campuses, businesses, and homes. With the release and buggy nature of Window's Vista, Apple's stocks continue to rise and PC scrambles to make a comeback.

Humming no More

General Motors announced in early June that they may be discontinuing their gas guzzling Hummer and SUV line. This news came shortly after the announcement of four plants closing. As gas prices shoot over \$4.00 a gallon in Louisiana, giant vehicles are seen less frequently while more bicycles can be seen gliding down sidewalks.











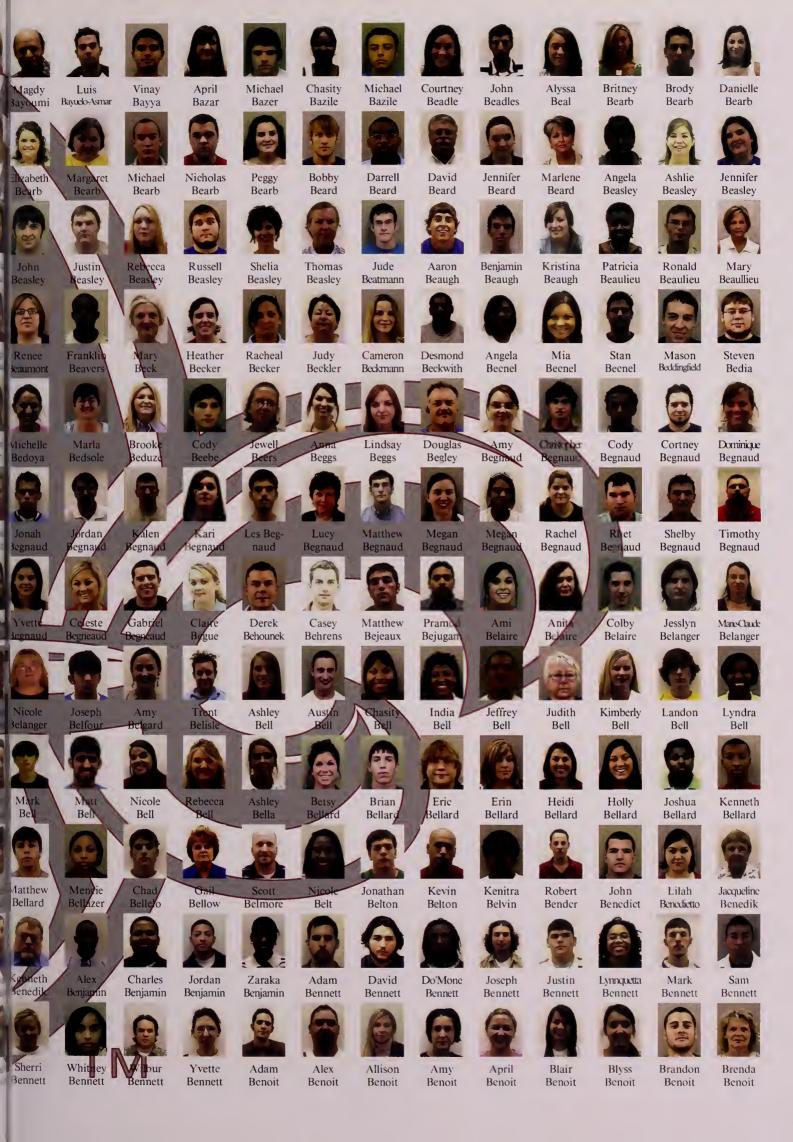




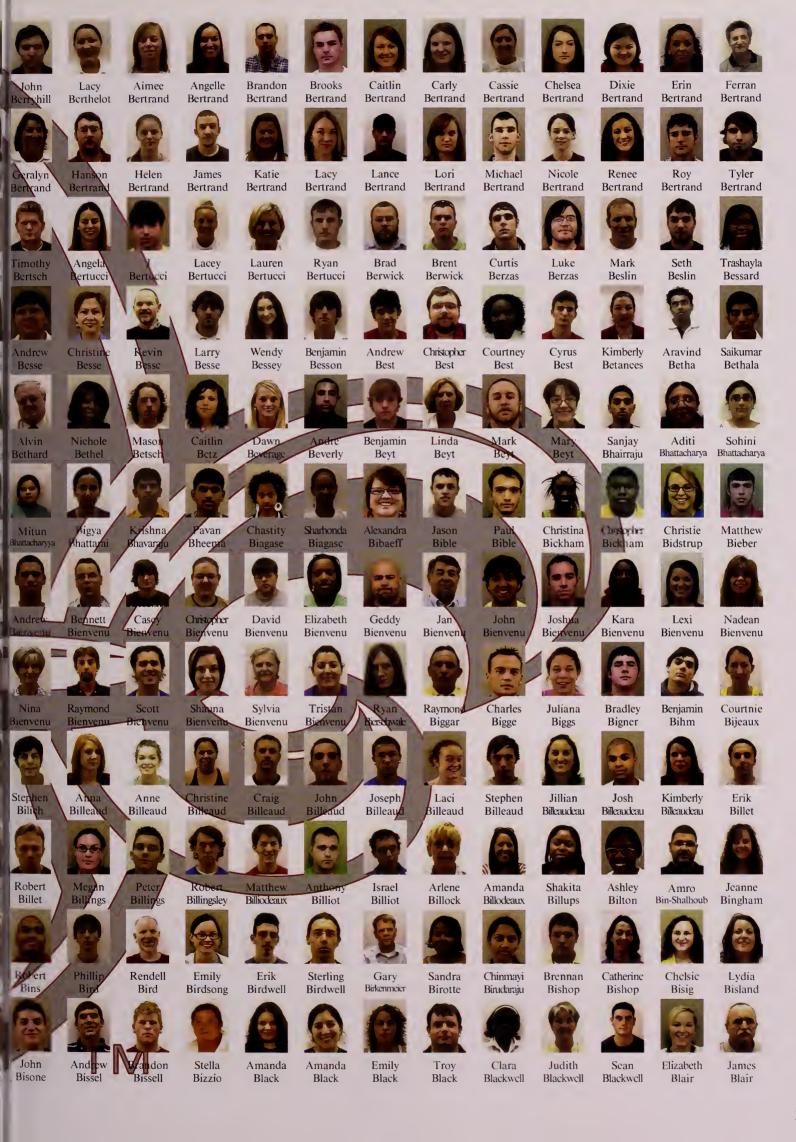










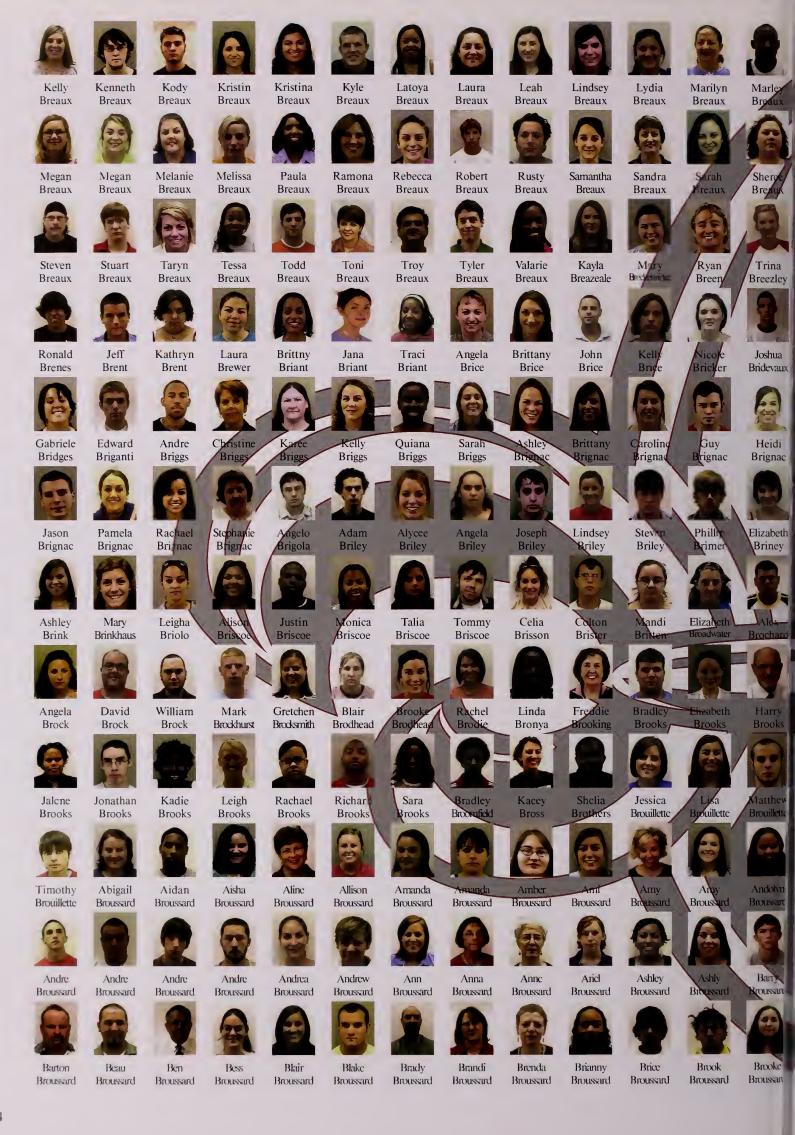










































































































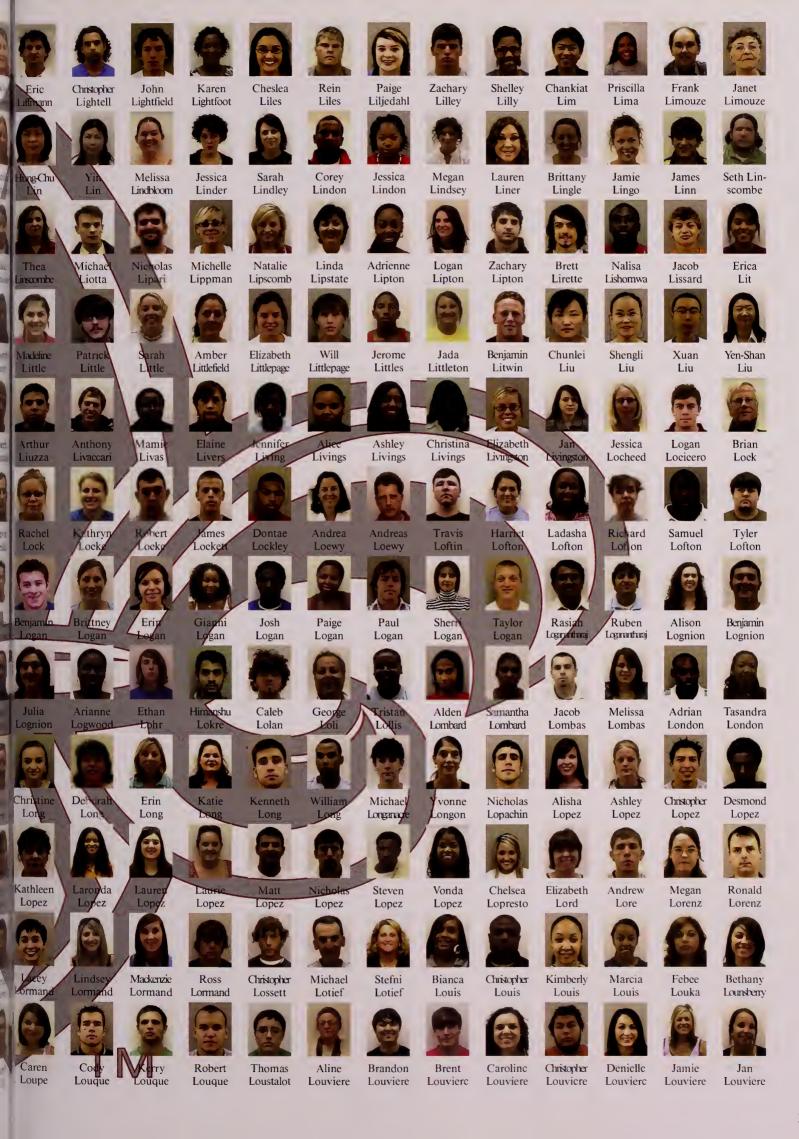


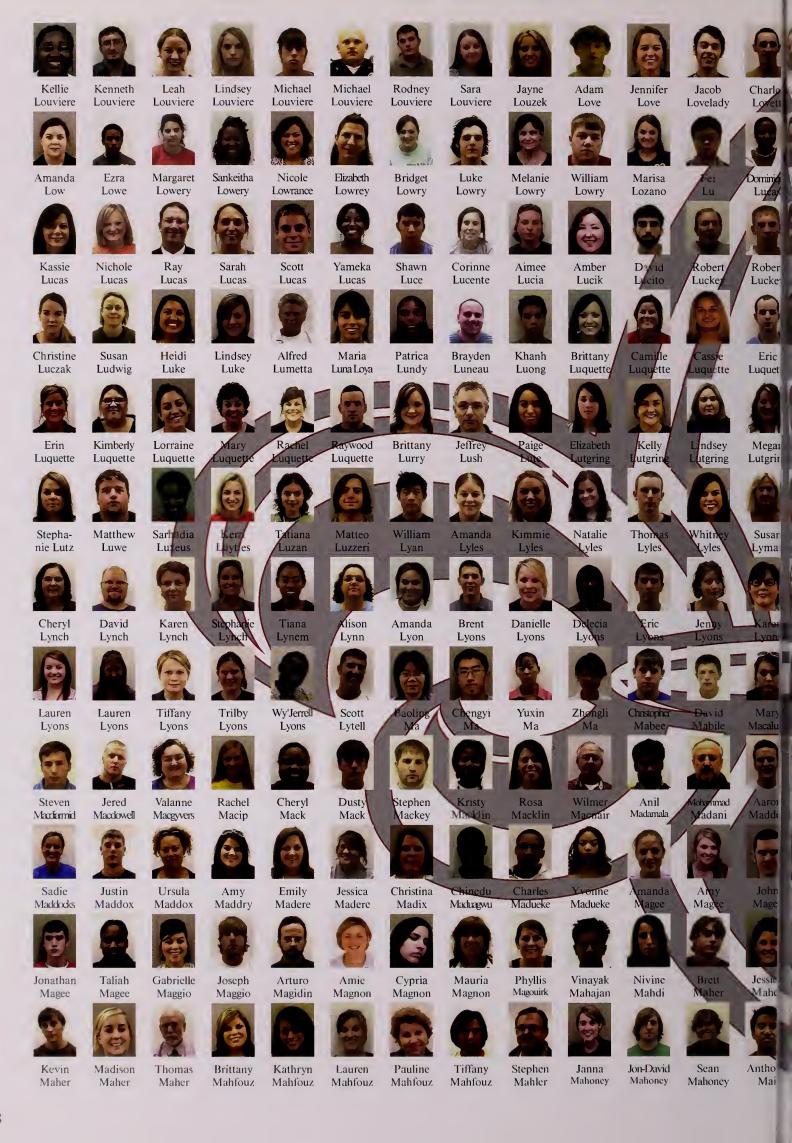


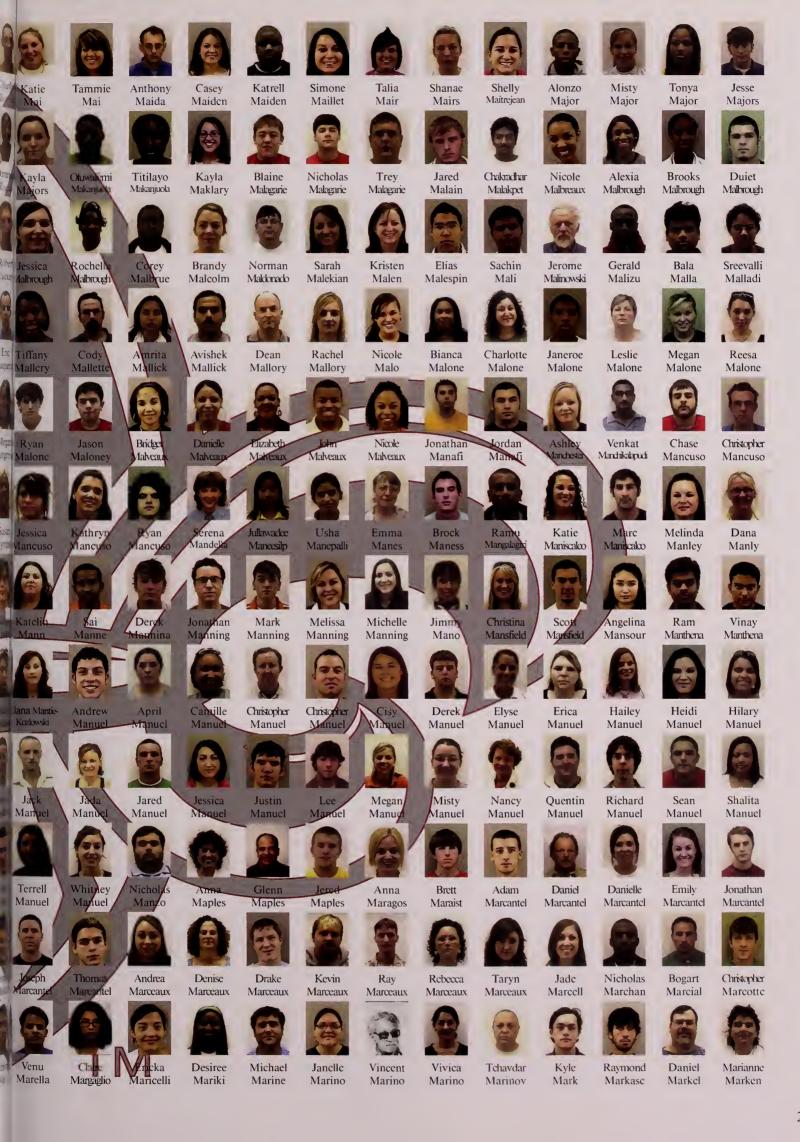


































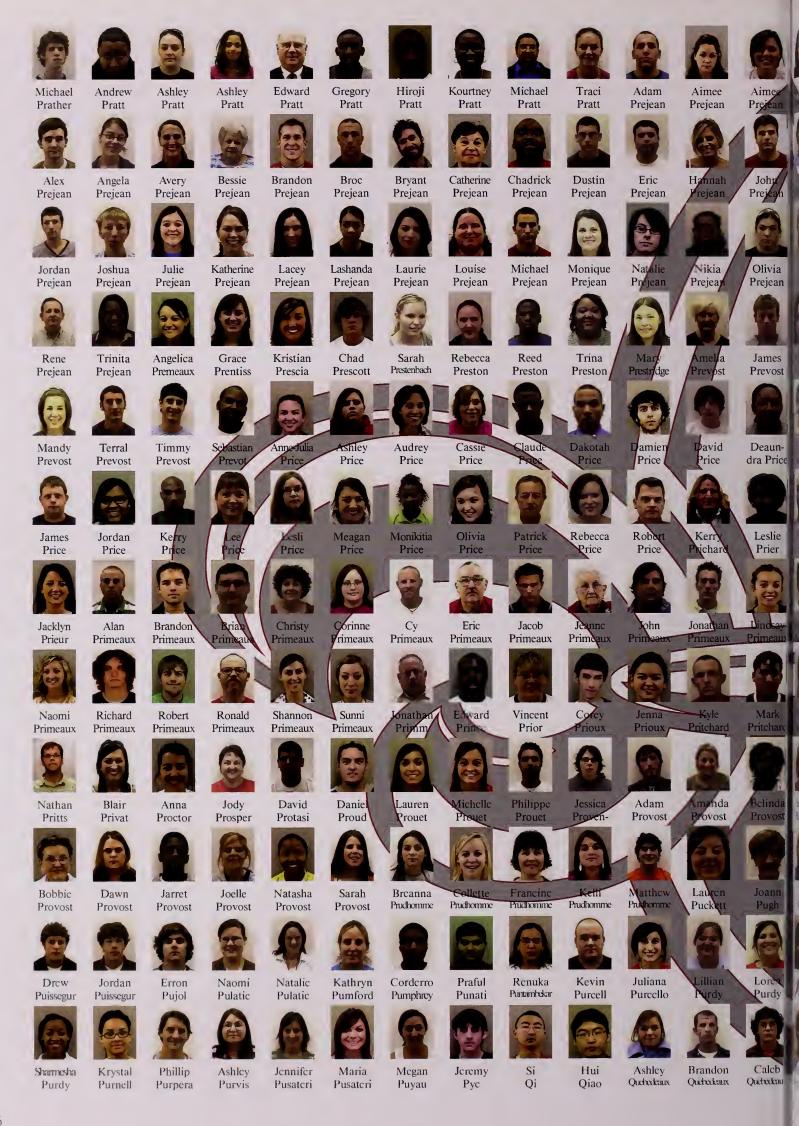




























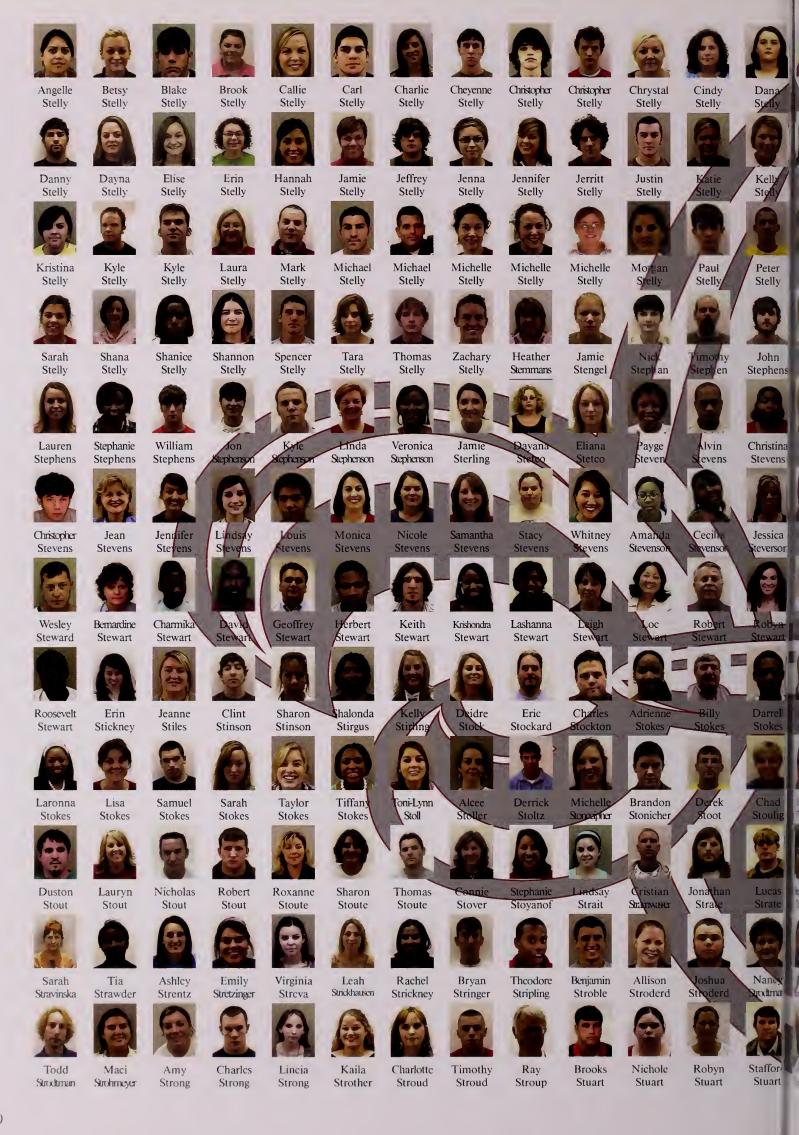
































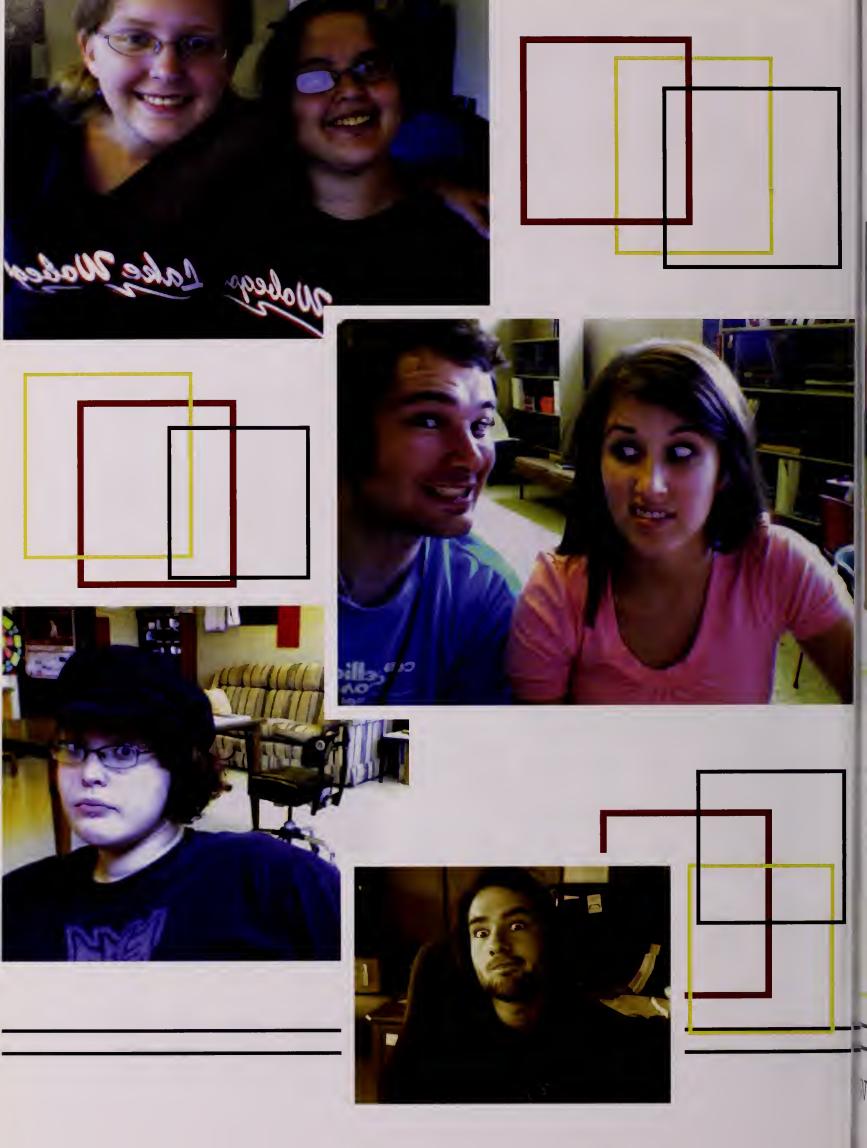


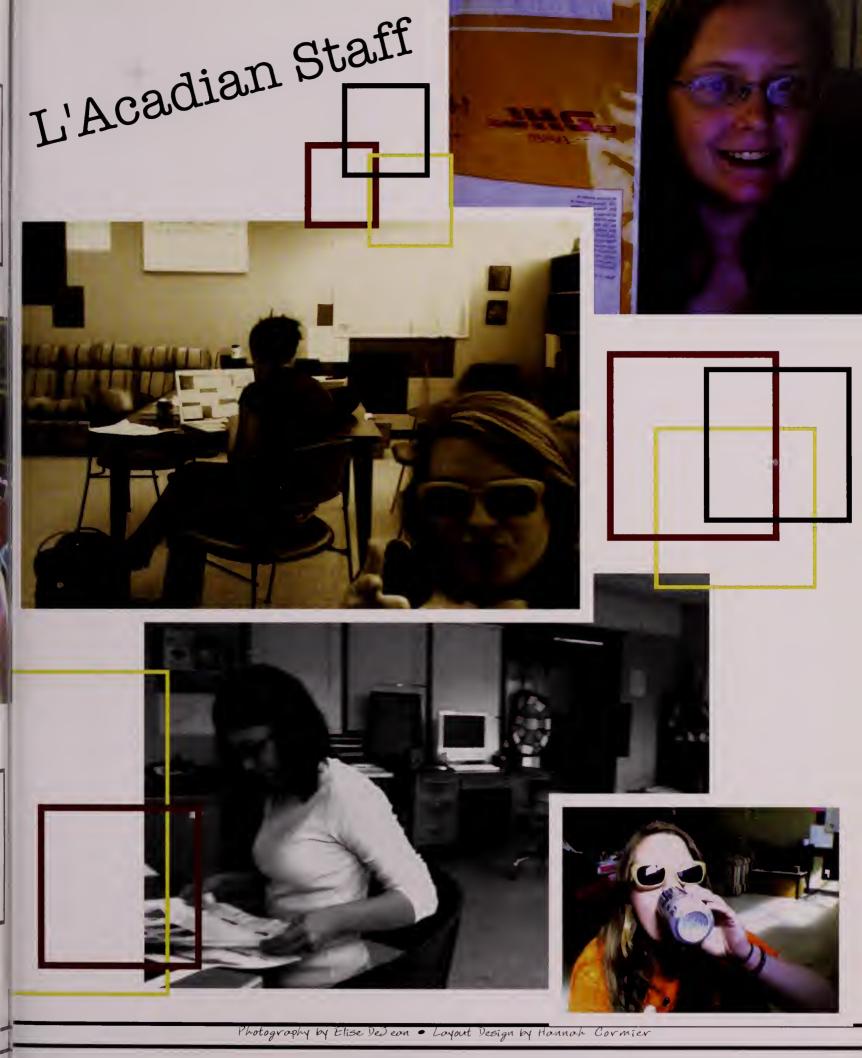












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The Shaping of Our University

"We are not to think of the Industrial School as a temporary thing, it is not. It is an institution for all time. A hundred years from now it will be amongst our descendants, a hundred times more efficient. Its influence will have spread, and the parish of Lafayette will point with pride to the school, and honor the memory of those whose public spirit built it."

-Lafayette Gazette, September 16, 1899

Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute (SLII)

UL Lafayette was originally named the Southwestern Louisiana Industrial Institute (SLII), according to the 1898 legislative act that created the school. State Senator Robert Martin, for whom UL Lafayette's administrative building is named, authored this legislation. Several towns competed to be the site of the new school; Lafayette was chosen by virtue of a donation of 25 acres of land by the Girard family. The town also put up \$8,000 and offered a ten-year property tax to supplement state appropriations. Although classes did not begin until September 1901, 1900 is considered the school's first year, for that was the year the campus was constructed and Dr. Edwin Stephens was named president.

Stephens, then 27 years old, was among the youngest presidents in the nation, and yet he had a vision for the campus from his first year. During those years, the campus extended its academic offerings to teacher training by adding a laboratory school in 1909. Among UL Lafayette's early milestones were the formation of the UL Lafayette Alumni Association in 1904 and publication of the first issue of the Vermilion, the student paper, that same academic year.

Southwestern Louisiana Institute (SLI)

By 1921, the school had outgrown its industrial role. The Constitutional Convention that year dropped the "Industrial" from the name and allowed Southwestern Louisiana Institute to grant bachelor's degrees. By this time, SLI had doubled to 50 acres and included many newclassroom and dormitory buildings.

As early as 1922, UL Lafayette offered extension courses in surrounding parishes. In 1925, the school was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and a student government association was formed. By 1956, UL Lafayette had received approval for beginning graduate programs, and that was the beginning of the end of the college years. Four years later UL Lafayette became a university.

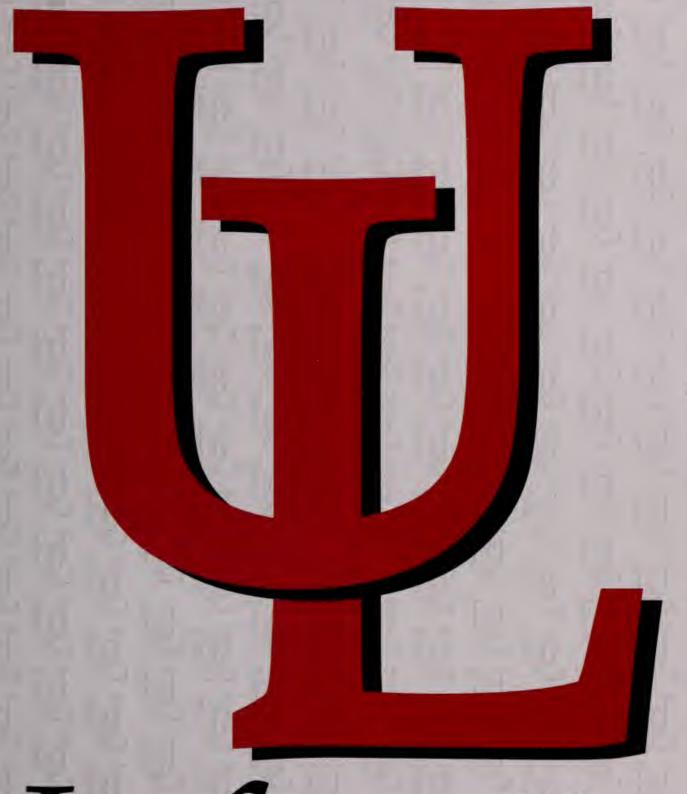
University of Southwestern Louisiana (USL)

In 1960, the state legislature approved renaming Southwest Louisiana Institute to the University of Southwestern Louisiana. At this time UL Lafayette was composed of a graduate school and six colleges: agriculture, business administration, education, engineering, liberal arts, and nursing. Enrollment was approaching 5,000.

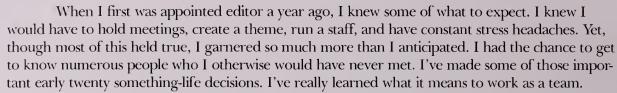
University of Louisiana at Lafayette (UL Lafayette)

For a while in the 1980s, UL Lafayette literally made a name for itself, The University of Louisiana. A subsequent act of the Louisiana Legislature mullified that name change. On September 10, 1999, with the blessing of the State of Louisiana, an order was signed that changed the university's name to the University of Louisiana at Lafayette. This monumental achievement occurs as part of UL Lafayette's Centennial Celebration.

UL Lafayette has exceeded 17,000 in enrollment with students from 75 countries. It offers 115 undergraduate degree and 28 masters degree programs. Its alumni number more than 79,000.



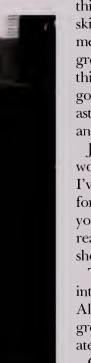
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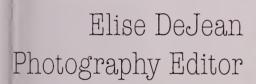
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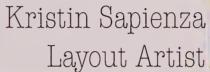
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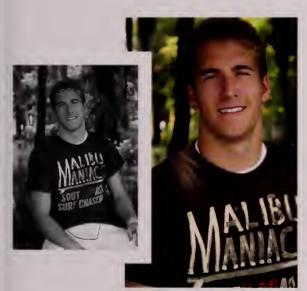
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